Dear Friends of Alaska:

About ten months ago you answered a call for Christmas gifts for those "on top of the world." It may seem a long time to wait for an acknowledgment and "thank-you" note, but the truth is the last letter only arrived here March 7. As you will see from excerpts of these letters, their hearts are filled with gratitude for your goodness. Because all packages were sent to Washington for repacking and reshipping, it has not been possible in all cases for the missionaries to write direct. We are therefore passing on to you their greetings and thanks. Read and rejoice, but be sure to write us at "156" about next year. (Further details follow the letters on page 2.

FROM BARROW; October 10, 1944

We do not know how to begin to thank you for the many lovely boxes and packages you sent us this year. We were really quite overcome both by the number and quantity of the packages and by the number of new friends.

We spent almost three weeks unpacking them, and I wish you could see the large upstairs room in the warehouse. Two pipes, the width of the room, are hung thick with coats, pants and dresses. One whole corner is devoted to jigsaw pizzles, enough, we believe, for every man, woman and child in the village, and some extras for the Seabees at the navy camp if they want them. There is a large box overflowing with soap, another with tea, raisins, etc., another with towels. We have plenty of baby clothes now. Thank you, too, for remembering the boys. Boys are always a problem when we make up the Christmas packages. We have already outfitted two boys who are on their way "outside" to the orthopedic hospital. They were especially delighted with the leather airplane caps we found for them. The only thing we have less of than usual is cloth, but we realize that this is very difficult to get anywhere. The large amount of clothing we have will go far to make up for this shortage, however. Altogether you sent more than we have ever received before.

Our freight did not come in very good condition this year, but only one of the mission boxes actually had things spilling out of it. A couple of items for you to remember if you pack another box for the Arctic -- pack them solidly. Loosely packed boxes do not carry well. One box of jigsaws was a fine example of good packing. In each box was not only the puzzle, but also an undershirt, a couple of pairs of stockings, a smaller jigsaw, or some such thing. Those boxes were among the few that arrived in perfect condition. Any scheme like that can be used to save space too. Don't fill spaces with waste paper if you can help it -- use something that is going into the box anyway. Speaking of saving space, may we mention two things of which we have an oversupply or for which we have no use: Used Christmas cards and Sunday school material of the graded lesson series. We are glad to get Uniform Lesson series material, because that is what we use one year later than you do.

Now a few words about next year. Please address boxes not to us by name, but to the Presbyterian Mission, Barrow, Alaska, and be sure your name, address and, if possible, a list of contents is also inside the box. Wrap in sturdy boxes. A piece of oilcloth on the outside is a good idea. The reason we ask you to address packages to the mission is that our furlough is due this coming summer. We hope to leave in time for Fred to get to General Assembly. We hope to see as many of you as circumstances will permit. Our plans are very indefinite, but you know we have always been interested in foreign work.

We want to thank you one and all for the generous gifts and sympathetic understanding you have given us during our eight years among the Eskimos. We will leave with regret and yet with thankfulness for the privilege which has been ours in serving here. Whatever we have been able to do has been due in no small degree to your gifts and encouragement. Some day you will have your reward. The Scriptures tell us that bread cast on the waters will return. FRED AND NAN KLEREKOPER

FROM WAINWRIGHT; January, 1945

This year Christmas presents were given out to every one in the village. We would like to have our friends in the States, the Presbyterian family, who have sent their gifts to this mission know that all of us give our heartiest thanks for their gifts and wish them our kindest and warmest "Christmas Greetings.

ROY AHMAOGAK

FROM GAMBELL, ST. LAWRENCE ISLAND; December 27, 1944

By the time this reaches you we will be well along in the New Year. May God bless and prosper you spiritually as well as temporally through this New Year of 1945.

Since we had arrived in Gambell so late in the season (November 25) it was necessary to begin preparation for Christmas almost at once. In one of the rooms of the manse we had found a large store of boxes and packages which had been sent in on the boat last summer and labelled "For Christmas." We were nearly overwhelmed with responsibility at the outset. Not knowing the people or their needs, we decided to call in the five church elders to aid in the preparation and distribution of gifts. After two weeks of work we were happy in the fact that we had a box prepared for each family (not including the men) but they were happy to see their wives and children receive such useful gifts. And indeed they all expressed gratitude, and wished us to properly thank their friends in the States for remembering them. A Bible was given to each home where there was a need for one. Our own contribution was a small gift of nuts, pop corn and candy to each person in Gambell.

From the people we received many lovely gifts, principally of ivory, although there were two Arctic fox furs and a fine seal skin. We were much touched through the messages written on the cards which came with their gifts.

On Thursday the young men decorated the church in keeping with the holiday season. The bright colors made a warm contrast to the outside cold. On Sunday morning we held out worship service with the story of Christmas in song and sermon. Afterward the gifts were distributed by the elders. At 1:30 P.M. the young people assembled for the Christian Endeavor meeting, and for the presentation of a Christmas program. We have a choir of twenty-eight young voices and they rendered the song service in a remarkable way. They also sang a Christmas hymn in the morning service. In the evening the young people met together to carol in the community. We sang especially at the homes where there is sickness and affliction. On Christmas morning as we made a few calls in the homes of the afflicted their faces beamed with joy because they had heard the message of Christmas in song.

Again, we sincerely and fervently thank all who have helped to make Christmas a blessed and happy one here on St. Lawrence Island. ELMER AND CLARA PARKER

FROM SAVOONGA; February 5, 1945

Here at Savoonga we received a nice box from the Palmer Church, mailed in September and arriving the day after Christmas. One from Fairbanks arrived in July and served a double function by helping out with our materials needed for a bazaar. One box was forwarded from Gambell by the Rev. Elmer E. Parker, the missionary there, along with a box of candy and peanuts. (These gifts were the ones sent by friends in the States.) All of these things were fully appreciated. The women voted to use their bazaar money for the purchase of a communion set. We have been using the set that belongs to Gambell, but some breakage has occurred each time it was brought over, by dog team or whale boat.

The women seemed to appreciate particularly cloth, mittens and tape-measures. They are clever at their own sewing and have their own ideas. Any amount of diapers can be used, and towels are a blessing too. For children the crayon sets with pictures for coloring seemed most popular. Balls and games and mittens of all sizes are welcome. In fact anything that is not soiled or worn out before it arrives can be put to good use. I know that we appreciated and enjoyed last year's boxes and will be delighted if others come our way in 1945. ANNA MARTIN

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Because restrictions have been lifted from parcel post to Alaska and because Mr. Howell cannot again handle the repacking and reshipping, you will be able to send direct. Plans must be made quickly as boxes must be shipped in order to reach the west coast by the middle of May. Write to Miss Jane Gillespie, Secretary for Specific Work, Presbyterian Board of National Missions, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York , 10, New York, for a list of needs and the station to which to send your box.

via aircraft 1/8/45 - P.M.

JAN 29 1945

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA.

Dec. 28, 1944.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

As everyone in charge of a church knows that Christmas Season is about the busiest season of the church year, we can sort of relax now for a short season now that it is over with. The work have been rather heavy on me but it was my own choosing and I am glad that by God's grace I have been able to keep my head above the tide of the season. What would have been the fate of this world had not God from His great heart of love sent us "His Gift" and gave us the day in which to worship Him. I do not think that there is a single soul in the Church the whole world over who dares to dread the work that needs to be done in preparation for Christmas Day. My reason for saying that the work of preparation for Christmas Day was rather heavy on me was first, that my wife had to take the 100 mile trip to Barrow Hospital and wasn't able to get back home until the Christmas week to give a hand in the work. Second, I had to help with the school work five days out of every week, keep house during my wife's absence and also help with the school Christmas program. On the other hand I was preparing a Chritmas pageant in our church besides three sermons a week and chores around the manse. My work was rewarded with the joy that the service gave me and to know that every one who attended our Christmas Services expressed their appreciation of same. Besides our pageant in the church we had a "Candle light service on Christmas Day according to the "Order of Service in the Vesper Chimes". The Christmas pageant we used was "Follow the Star" by Karin Sundelof - Asbrand with few personal additions. There are fifteen characters in this play and all except two had to have corresponding costumes. As there is nothing in store here for Christmas decorations and costumes in the mission we had to look for same all over town. Anything from white muslin, bright colored blankets, dogskins and sheep skins were used. Practically the whole village brought their sled canvasses for our curtains. I had to write out the whole play in Eskimo to supply all the participants a copy so they could study their parts and memorize them. The music for the program had to be made or rather copied and with no mimeograph to speed the work it took quite little time to supply our need as we had to use the typewriter for making our lines and use long hand in putting the notes so by the time we were through using our typewriter we were ready for a new ribbon on my typewriter. It is my hopes that some day in the near future this Mission will be supplied with a mimeograph. The Gov't school kindly provided the juice for our electric lights as there is no electricity in the Mission for our use in the pageant. How we long for the day when we can have our own electric lights both for the church and manse. 8 or 900 watt light plant would nicely supply our need both in the church and manse.

1/30/45 Quoted [illegible] Howell [illegible]

Last year there were no Mission boxes sent to this place to be given out on Christmas. This year there were few boxes received and these were given out as Christmas presents to every one in the village.

If there is some way to inform our friends in the States, the Presbyterian family, who have sent their gifts to this Mission we would like to have them know that all of us give our heartiest thanks for their gifts and wish them our kindest and warmest "Christmas Greetings. Sorry to say that some of these boxes were so mutilated that we were not able to tell where they came from.

Our church activities are being carried on as regularly as usual routine. Last month when Rev. Klerekoper was with us we took in seven new members into the church. They had expressed their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour several weeks prior to Rev. Klerekoper's arrival. So I started a class of this group once a week to give them studies in membership from the pamphlet called "The Communicant Member. So when the time came for them to be examined officially they were able to pass the examination the Session gave and were officially taken into the church.

Going back to our time of the Christmas Season this church is comparitively young in serving the people with Christmas Programs since this is its only the second year of conducting Christmas Pageant all the time the church has been here. My predecessor never attempted one the several years that he was here. I enjoy the work myself and cannot afford to let the Christmas Season go by without some activity in the church. As always I believe my first duty in service is to God and His Church and all else is secondary.

If I am here again next year it is my plan not to get into the school service as the school service has had time to find someone for that job. My only reason for taking the school work was to fill in an emergency case.

As I have had no direct word from your office as to my year in the States in some Bible School I am not considering the plan at present. There will have to be a considerable amount of preparation to be done for my family before I leave if I am going, as to where they will spent the winter, as to their winter's fuel which is very important, and meat. The Church also should be open even if there is no one to take over. The elders could take turn in keeping up the services if the church can be provided with coal. Deffinite proposal from your office would be appreciated, and plans made accordingly.

I hope that I can be supplied with "THE PRESBYTERIAN PLAN BOOK" the latest that is out. In the near future I will be sending my order for some song books and New Testaments in Basic English. This will all go through your office in accordance with your suggestion. I had been ordering some song books direct from the Presbyterian Book Store in Los Angeles and some other book stores not knowing that we could get discount through your office, but since having been informed I shall order through your office.

Yours respectfully,

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

January 9, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Wainwright, Alaska

Dear Roy:

A letter from you some time ago calling attention to the apparent neglect of Wainwright has caused me to examine further our provision for you and the Church.

According to the best information we have here, Wainwright was docketed for a maintenance allowance. You were allowed to order food, clothing, fuel, and repairs up to the stated allowance. If your order was less the balance was sent to you in cash, if the order was more an effort was made to take care of the extra amount here. This procedure seems to have resulted in a lack of care both for you and the Church. It is not clear to us whether the allowance was considered salary and you were given the privilege of joining the Service Pension Plan so that upon the payment of 8% of your salary and manse allowance by the Board and 3% by yourself you would be providing for a pension upon your retirement at 65 or thereafter.

We would like to propose that we pay you a regular salary which will allow you to be in the Pension Plan. Your order for personal items such as clothing and food would be taken out of this monthly over the period of the year. We would make a reasonable allowance for fuel in the Church and manse and then consider a small amount for repairs and upkeep each year. This would save the property from neglect and would encourage your people to keep up their interest and help toward their church.

We are not sure yet what we can do on this. We have docketed Wainwright maintenance as $1000 for this year. If more money is available to us beginning April 1st we would consider the present amount as salary to you and add some for fuel and repairs. It looks now as if this would be possible but we are not promising it until we are sure.

When you send your order this year - order your personal items of food and clothing. Order the fuel which we need to provide for the year, then order a reasonable amount of material for necessary repairs. You should order the things which are necessary first and then add the things which could wait if funds are not available now but ought to be sent if we have the money. We have the money for the light plant so include it and the necessary wiring for installation. We shall try to cover all of this.

In all of this we want your people to do as much as they are able for themselves and ask us to do only what cannot be provided for locally in material and labor.

The order should reach the office by April 1st. I hope to see you in Wainwright in May and we can discuss further our relations and your plans. Meanwhile, we are expressing our confidence in you and your work. Even in this emergency over school teachers, you ought to be spending at least half your time and energy in your Church work.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated but not signed
by Mr. Jackman

Enc. Inst. for Alaskan Missionary Supplies

Roy Akinaogak:

JAN 8 1945

Dear Roy

A letter from you some time ago calling attention to the apparent neglect of Wainwright has caused me to examine further into our provision for you and the church.

According to the best information we have here Wainwright was docketed for a maintenance allowance of $800. last year. You were allowed to order food, clothing and fuel and repairs up to the stated allowance. If your order was less than the balance was sent to you in cash. If the order was more an effort was made to take care of the extra amount here. This procedure seems to have resulted in a lack of care both for you and the church. It is not clear to us whether the allowance was considered salary and you were given the privilege of joining the Service Pension Plan so that upon the payment of 8% of your salary and manse allowance by the Board and 3% by yourself you would be providing for a pension upon your retirement at 65 or thereafter.

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Detail Breakdown

Units of Work

Increase in Missionary Salaries 1944-45

Unit	1-50	51-100	101-150	151-200	201-300	301-400	401-500	Over 500	Total
Alaska									----
S.S.Missions									-----
Ed. & Med.	23 678	51 3751	73 8038	77 12230	8 1785				232 26482
Colored People	15 538	18 1539	3 380	3 555	4 975	1 325			44 4312
Indian	2 104		2 268	1 188	2 453	4 1315	1 468		12 2796
Rural Church	7 201	1 100	4 570		3 815	2 744	1 430	1 600	19 3460
West Indies	1 40	5 352	5 626	7 1050	16 3036	3 1130	6 2370	7 4150	50 12754

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Colorado	500.00	500.00	260.00
Kansas	00.00	00.00	1631.00
Minnesota	450.00	450.00	1733.00
Montana	322.50	322.50	1144.00
Nebraska	407.50	407.50	2035.00
North Dakota	120.00	120.00	692.00
South Dakota	150.00	150.00	1140.00
Wyoming	300.00	300.00	790.00
	2250.00	2250.00	9425.00
LONG			
New England	400.00	400.00	485.00
New York	1120.00	1120.00	5895.00
Pennsylvania	600.00	600.00	7825.00
Baltimore	400.00	400.00	1880.00
Ohio	1685.00	1585.00	2490.00
Michigan	00.00	00.00	2105.00
California	3072.00	3072.00	7351.00
Oregon	725.00	650.00	3360.00
Washington	480.00	480.00	3296.00
	8482.00	8307.00	34686.00
Total	14189.00	13914.00	56743.00

Note: *Estimate.

via airmail
Jan 15, 1945 a.m.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
WAINWRIGHT, ALASKA.

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Jan. 9, 1945.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman:
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., N.Y. N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your wire dated January 5 was received the 7th. It gave me an idea that some one gave you an impression that the church program is suffering a set back because of the school work I have taken over in addition to it. If this was the case I should have been the one to sense it first and what a guilty conscience I should have had to dealt with if this was the case. Yes, it should have condemned me as sining against my Lord and Master and you who serve under Him. But that is not the way I judge the matter. I am sure that any conscientious person in the community will testify to the fact that our church program is just as alive as ever. It is even more so alive because I organized the Young People Christain Endeavor Society last October whereas they have cancelled their in Barrow the last I was there last summer. It may have been that some one felt sorry for me because I perhaps was trying to do too much in their judgement. They should not be, because I am the one that suffers, not they. I am not exactly like one of those who have tied themslves by habit down to the clock's time of labor and systematic time of sermon making. Perhaps some one makes a call on them at their hour of sermon making and maybe they feel somewhat annoyed. They may not be in exactly the right mood or spirit to hold a conference or an confidential conversation with the visitor. If our Lord ever prepared his sermons, I think he made them when He went away into a solitary place for prayer, sometimes a great while before day, sometimes after a hard day's work, when He prayed late into the night. So I think that one does not sin if he prepares a sermon for Sundays or Wednesdays sometimes late into the night on week-days, if he finds it difficult to do it in the early morning. Neither am I quite one of those who watch the clock to note that they have finished their working hours for the day and must go to the weekly pool games or sit down to a card table as I have known some preachers to do. I really have no time for such things myself. I am used to working overtime late into the night when necessary. I'd rather spent my pleasure hours by the side of a sick person as I have had to do ocassionally. Twice last month I had to hold funeral services soon after Christmas day. Once on one of those occasions I had to get up at 2 A.M. in order to be with a family who had lost a wife and a mother. Nor is this the first and the last incidence during my ministry as a lay worker and as an elder. In other words sense of working over time or out of the way services do not effect my ambition to do what good I can while it is day, "for the night cometh when no man can work". Additional work of teaching school for this winter has not deminish my church work. It has only given me longer hours of service and a larger field to work in. Perhaps it has given me an actual experience of what our Master meant when He said "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me". I believe that no one organization is capable of supplying the need for good of a community anywhere. I believe a school

in a community is just as important an organization for the good and welfare of the people it serves in its line of duty in educating our people as our Missionary work is in its line of duty in salvation of souls. One serves for the physical benefit whereas ours for the spiritual and eternal values. Therefore it is my honest belief that both should serve the community harmoniously each in its own place.

I have found that it is far easier to preach a sermon to a congregation that can read and understand some English, than it is to preach to the old people who do not know any English. Sometimes in trying to preach I have found my native language exhausted for words and find myself that I had to use an English word and then try to explain it. Here is a simple illustration: Love and like are two simple words in English and their meaning or rather their difference in meaning is readily understood by those who know the English, but they are one of the hardest words in the Eskimo language to distinguish in their rightuses, thus: I like him, I love him, will be enterpreted as Nakoagegega ela. I like and I love have the same eskimo interpretation. Most interpreters will let it go at that, because there is no word to distinguish love from like in the eskimo language. But I for one am not satisfied so I go on and try to explain that the English word love has a deeper meaning than like, using both words in English. In other words anyone who understands some English has better chance of being benifited by what one is trying to put across to the people through a sermon. I for one prefer listening to a sermon in English when I have to listen to it in both languages. I cannot why, exactly, but it may be partly due to the way the interpreter uses his Eskimo language. On the other hand I enjoy interpreting for a preacher because the English language challenges the best eskimo I can use in interpreting. Well, so much for that.

I believe the reason why some Missionaries discourage themselves as failing their peoples is because they isolate themsleves too much from those they are expected to serve. They spent too much time for themselves and fail in making calls to the homes, often as they should. In other words they do not associate enough with their people during the week days to help their sermons from the pulpit by the enfluence they should be giving by constant contact with the people. In addition to my services in the church I find that I by teaching in school come in contact with more children than I ordinarily would, and I consider this a privilege for doing them good by my influence and daily contact when ordinarily I would be seeing some of them only twice a week and not even speak to one of them individually at that time. In other words, my opportunity to serve my Master not only from the pulpit is enlarged when I have to teach in school. Nevertheless, I do not intent to teach next year as I have stated in my previous letter. School offers more pay and this will be the second time that I have refused the steady job of teaching. It is not for the love of money that I for one try to serve my Lord and Master. I believe the theory the Master gave when He was on earth; "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". I have proven this personally to be the fact. Also Paul's advise to Timothy, in the sixth Chapter, verses 6-8 "But godliness with contentment is great gain." For we brought nothing into the world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and raiment let us be therwith content". Will the modernist take this words literally? If not, how does he interprete them.

I hope that I have not gone over the bound of my standing as your worker in expressing my convictions. This is the most I've said about myself. Please consider this letter as confidential. In response to your wire my school hours have been reduced.

Respectfully yours,

Roy Ahmaogak

January 24, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Wainwright, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ahmaogak:

We have just received a letter from Mr. Jackman who has been in conference with our Purchasing Agent, The Rev. William J. Howell, in Renton, Washington in regard to supplies for our missionaries along the Arctic Coast.

Mr. Howell indicates and Mr. Jackman reports that there are some items which will be very difficult to secure and orders for these items, or at least some indication of the quantity desired, should be reported as soon as possible to our office. They are: tea, butter, ham, bacon, pop corn, candy, pineapple, and fruit juices. Another thing, all clothing articles which contain wool should be bought now or in the Fall. The supply is depleted in the Spring and the earlier the order comes the easier it is to fill. Therefore, it might be well for you to order any wool or part wool clothing now and if the order is not filled this Spring we may be able to have the articles purchased in the Fall and shipped up for delivery sometime during 1946. We shall do our utmost to fill your order for the supplies which are obtainable and can be purchased (some substitutions may be necessary), and yet keep within the limits of our budget for the amount appropriated for the cost of maintenance items and the cost of shipping all goods to your station.

Mr. Jackman also asks about the advisability of getting an oil stove instead of a coal stove for Wainwright. If you feel that an oil stove would more suitable, then you should take into consideration when ordering fuel the matter of oil rather than coal. Whatever you feel is most desirable for the mission at Wainwright you should include in your order which should reach us on April 1st the latest.

We are making a real effort to secure the electric light plant for Wainwright and are now working on a priority to purchase it.

We have paid the lighterage and longshoring bills direct to Mr. David Panik, Manager of the Wainwright Reindeer & Trading Company. This check was

mailed yesterday, January 23rd.

We were sorry to learn that some of the supplies for Barrow were shipped to you at Wainwright which necessitated the freighting of them by dog sled to Barrow. We shall mention this incident to our Purchasing Agent, Mr. Howell, but these things probably cannot be helped these days when there is such a shortage of labor in the States and when so many people handle things. We shall make every effort not to have a reoccurence of this in the future, and regret any inconvenience which this caused you.

We trust that you have received Mr. Jackman's letter of January second with all of its information. Also his letter of the ninth.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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January 2, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Wainwright, Alaska

Dear Roy:

Since receiving permission from our Cabinet for you to teach school this winter, I have been concerned about the success of this plan. We have granted this permission in a few other cases to have them turn out badly. We are wondering how you are getting along in the combined circumstances of being a school teacher and lay-pastor of our Church. We know that a full time job of school teacher is about as much as some people can carry not to speak of the full time job with the congregation. Your reports have indicated considerable activity in the Church prior to Christmas and things seem to be going well.

Let me urge you not to give up your first interest and responsibility which is the work of your congregation. If that seems to be neglected, I would urge you to teach school only part time so that there will be sufficient time and energy for your main job that of giving spiritual ministry to your people.

Mr. Klerekoper has written to us that you are having difficulty concerning your stove. We regret that this has happened and it came only because your letter asking for replacement parts arrived too late to get them shipped to you last summer. We hope that you will consider this before the next order for materials is sent.

I am to be on the west coast during the month of January and will ask Mr. Howell, our purchasing agent, to investigate the possibility of getting you a light plant for the Wainwright Church. We discover that there is some money here which might be used for this purpose and I believe we can take care of it.

Mr. Klerekoper also has suggested that you would be interested in taking the field from Barrow to Demarcation Point to do the work which Andrew Akootchoak has been doing the last few years. We would be glad to have you express your mind on this and tell us what you think about it.

We have been trying to plan for the possibility of having you come down to the States for a year in a Bible School for preparation for a further ministry. We shall have to work this out in the light of the number of workers whom we have on the Arctic Coast and the money available for this purpose. Mr. Klerekoper has asked to come out next summer and we shall have to find someone to replace them at Barrow. I am not sure that we have sufficient money for travel for a third or fourth person. We shall investigate this further and let you know. If we should take you from Wainwright we would then have to provide another minister for that station as well as continue someone east of Barrow until your return. We are considering these matters and have you and your best interests in our minds.

We will soon be sending out a request for the annual orders of supplies for next year. We will have more to say about that in a later letter.

Blessings upon you and your family in your double ministry in Wainwright.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

P.S. In further thinking on the matter of the division of your time, I feel that you ought to give the Church at least one-half of your time. Ordinarily the work of the Church takes all that a person can give but in this emergency over the lack of school teachers we might spare you one-half of your time. It is important for children to have book learning but it is more important to have the Gospel.

We probably have not notified you that we have increased the allowance for your personal maintenance to $1000. It is partly on this basis and partly on the grounds of the need for your service that we feel you ought to devote at least one-half of your time to the work of the Church.

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
WAINWRIGHT ALSAKA.

APR 101945

February 20, 1945.

REV J EARL JACKMAN:
C/o MISS FRIEDA KOERNER,
BOARD OF NAT'L. MISSIONS
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
IN THE U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letters of January 2nd., and 9th on hand and also Miss Koerner's of January 24, 1945. I must first of all, "thank you", for the interest you have shown to me personally and this Mission in these letters.

At present we are right in the midst of flu. The flu broke out in Wainwright on the third of this month. Almost every one in the village was struck by flu almost at the same time. All church and school activities were closed. Every home in the comunity except the teachers was effected. So far it has caused four deaths. Probably there will be more deaths as some are in the critical condition. My family had it too and were quite sick but I managed to stay on my feet and nursed, cooked, kept house and do chores through the worse part of the attack of the flu, besides making a few calls, sometimes as late as 10 or 10:30P.M. And sometimes I was called up as early as 5 A.M. from some home. The teachers had their hands full in trying to give out medical aid to the people since the nurse was out of the village on a trip tp Pt. Lay, 100 miles south of here. But another nurse was flown in to give us an aid. Two more deaths are just reported this evening.

In reference to Mr. Klerekoper's letter about the kitchen range here I am glad that he spoke of it. It sure is in a poor condition and has kind of smoked our newly painted kitchen. As to the replacement parts, may I correct you that my order for them last year was filled but it was the year before that that Mr. Ipalook's order for same failed and the result was a damage to the cook stove. In regard to the the new range which Miss Koerner mentioned in her letter of the 24th of January as per your suggestion, I am 100% for the oil stove. I beleive it is much more economical both in time of bother and money in the long run. All the 10 or 12 stoves that the school has are oil burning stoves. Besides our kitchen stove in the manse we use one small heater and we have one larger heater in the church. I hope that in time we will be able to replace our two coal burning heaters with oil burning heaters. But at present I will be satisfied with only the range. Then again, I am all smiles with the thought that we are to order a light plant. Mr. Wilson the Principalof the Gov't school here has kindly helped me with the order on the plant and all that goes with it. He is an experienced person on that line of work and you can be sure that the order has been made as economically as best we know how.

About the field between Barrow and Demarcation which you mentioned I would just as soon take over the work when Andrew Akootchoak retires but I will want a good fast means of travel to be able to do the work as it should be done. A power boat for the summer use and a good snow sled propelled by power for the winter use. I would have my headquarters in Barrow. By having the right kind of travelling means both for the summer and winter I don't see why one could not visit every camp out side of

No. 2.
Mr. J. Earl Jackman,
C/o Miss. Koerner,
156 Fith Ave., New York, N.Y.

Barrow including those out in the fishing camps from Barrow and keep Sunday Schools going and also hold Church Services. If in the near future the travelling equipment can be secured you can count on me for that field.

I suggest that we drop the plan of my going out side to attend some Bible School. Since Mr. and Mrs. Klerekoper are resigning from Barrow and new people to be taken to take their place you better not count on any transfers in Wainwright for this year.

In your letter of January the 9th you spoke about Wainwright being docketed for a maintenance allowance. That is true. My letter may not have been quite clear on what I meant to say. In ordering our supplies for the Mission we order only what we most need for the place both for repairs and other essentials but we often find that some one or two items do not show up and we begin to wonder whether they are cancelled or the wholesale houses just don't have them in stock. The replacement parts is one example which I mentioned in this letter. A roll of roofing paper is another item that didn't show up which we thought we had ordered. In my personal order last year I ordered a set of dishes but they never showed up and there was no way to tell whether they were cancelled or were out of stock. I merely refer to these past experiences trying to show how we have been handicapped sometimes by not able to get what we needed for repairs. It has been our custom in the past to order some things under this Mission like oil and coal, paint, stove parts, lamp fixtures and so forth separate from our personal use. All the purchases for my personal use come under my name from my salary for the year and the balance send to me in check. They close our accounts each year by October 31st. This year I have not as yet received the balance of my last year's salary after my order was paid up. This method is satisfactory with me and I would suggest it be handled as usual.

You also mentioned the service pension plan about my sharing in it. Some years ago back in 1940 or '41 I remember of filling out some papers about applying for this pension. 3% was to be annually deducted from my salary and 7% from the Board. I had thought that that had taken effect at the time and I had practically forgotten about it since I never heard from the Pension department since the papers were sent out at that time. If the pension plan has not been taken up for me I am sorry, and would suggest that it be investigated.

We are aware of the fact that we are to ship our empty oil drums but no one here or at Barrow have been able to ship any empty oil drums out. The Government schools both here and at Barrow, have hundreds of empty oil drums stacked up that they have been trying to ship for the last two or three years. But the freight ships just won't take the time and trouble of loading them on. They are always in a rush to get away as soon as they unload the freight.

Our mail have been rather uncertain all winter. We never know when it is due here to bring us the mail or to take our outgoing mail. It is scheduled for a monthly trip or two each month but we don't get any planes here for two months or more sometimes. I am wondering whether these orders will reach your office in time as per your instructions. The flu epidemic has upset and delayed much of our work. If I have caused you inconvience in being late I beg your pardon.

I am hoping that this letter has taken care of the answers to your letters of January 2, 9, and 24. Will look forward with pleasure for your trip this way in the near future.

Respectfully Yours,
Royal Anagak

March 5, 1945

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Wainwright, Alaska

Dear Roy:

We greatly appreciate the two long letters which we received from you in January. They both arrived at the office when I was on a long trip and have not had full attention.

It gives us real encouragement to hear of your consecration to the cause of Christ through the Church. We were not under the impression that you were neglecting your Church responsibilities in connection with your teaching but it just seemed to us too much to do to carry a full program of the Church and teach full time. There is a limit to what any human being can carry and we did not want you to be carrying too much so that the Church would suffer or you would carry too heavy a load.

I have been giving more thought to our relationships with you and feel that we have not done quite what we ought to have to you as well as your Church building. We are hoping to get our relationships upon a broader basis soon. As you read in the quarterly letter I plan to be in Alaska during April and early May and hope during the latter part of April or first of May to visit you at Wainwright. At that time I want to go over carefully your own situation and the program of the Church. Perhaps we can understand each other much better after a personal visit. Meanwhile, we are trying to get some of the things taken care of which you need and are looking forward to the receipt of your order in plenty of time for the summer shipment. If transportation is good this Spring, I am anticipating a great experience in being able to visit you and your Church.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

VIA AIRMAIL

JUN 5 1945

Narrative------February I5- March I4, I945

It was an unfortunate incidence for both Barrow and Wainwright that the flu should have struck both villages about the same time. Our casualty was more than it ever was which amounted to I6. It could have been more had not the Indian Affairs flown us in a nurse with a good supply of sulfa drugs and penicilin. All church and school activities were cancelled as previously stated in my earlier letter. It was a busy time for the nurse and the teachers and myself to make our daily calls on all the homes.

We had been fortunate enough since I took over this church, which will be two years in April to have had our church activities going regularly without any enterference of sickness until this flu came on.

When we had to drop our church activities due to the flu notice was sent out requesting every home to continue worship services at the regular time in the individual homes. That no Sundays and Prayer Meeting nights were to pass by without the families remembering God in prayer and scripture reading. And the results were very satisfactory.

When making the daily calls there were many whom I noticed had their Bibles by their bed evidently reading them and meditating whenever they felt able. And not only that, when many of them saw that they were on their way to recovery they expressed their gratitudes to God in my hearing. I remember one old man who eventually passed away, said,after our prayer and talk - "I am in the hands of the Lord, who if He wills it will restore me to health and if not, His will be done." Each and all that have passed away whom I was able to talk and pray with were christains and belonged to our church with the exception of two, man and wife, who were members of the Pt. Hope Episcopal church.

Our church activities were resumed again on the IIth of March. According to some testimonies this seeming misfortune worked out for the good of many a soul. Truly,"All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose".

We are glad to say that our monthly contribution to the Benevolence Offering was more than it ever was which amounted to $93. 08 which has been forwared previous to this report under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak, Lay worker.
Wainwright Presby. Church.

MAR 23 1945

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Jackman
Miss Taylor
Miss Ewing
Miss Hooper
Miss Preston
Mr. Sanborne
Miss Benfer

March 21, 1945

FROM Jane Gillespie

The Christmas boxes for the Arctic mission stations last year were sent through Rev. William J. Howell, Renton, Washington. The appeal and the announcement of shipping arrangements appeared in Women and Missions, Five Continents, Missionary Mail and Monday Morning. The result was a deluge of boxes which swamped Mr. Howell and cost the Board a considerable amount to transport. (Mr. Jackman is well aware of this as he carried the expense in his budget.) Because of this past experience and because of uncertain conditions is seemed unwise to announce it generally. I am therefore sending and appeal (the accompanying letter) this year only to the names which I have received of those who sent boxes last year. This is in part to put into their hands news of what Christmas boxes meant in 1944 and to ask these particular people to think about sending a box again.

As you see, we are asking them to send their boxes direct, by parcel post or express. Though many of them will probably choose their own station, we are asking that they clear with this office first. You may want to give this matter some publicity or be able to answer inquiries which come to you.

Jane Gillespie
Secretary for Specific Work

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att. Alaska Xmas ackn.

Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church in the
United States of America
156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N.Y.

April 11, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

The Rev. William J. Howell
107 Main Street
Renton, Washington

My dear Mr. Howell:

Re: 1945-46 requisitions for Wainwright, Alaska

We are enclosing herewith two copies of the requisitions received from Mr. Roy Ahmaogak, c/o Presbyterian Mission, Wainwright, Alaska. We understand that these bills will be forwarded to our office after the purchases have been made so the amounts can be checked and paid.

May we inform you that the amount of $1000 has been docketed for Wainwright Maintenance which is to be used for the purchasing of all food and maintenance items for Mr. Ahmaogak and the mission station, and this amount is to include also the freight cost both on maintenance and food purchases. However, we have included the purchase of an oil burning kitchen range and attachments, which equipment is very much needed at Wainwright, and if the cost of these purchases brings the cost over this allotted amount we can stretch a point and care for it through another channel. However, we must keep within or just a little over this appropriation.

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT AND EQUIPMENT including the motor shed equipment is not to be included in the above mentioned $1000 appropriation. You will recall that Mr. Jackman asked you in his letter of March 5th to report on the price of this electric light plant and materials needed for installation before finally placing the order, and we will appreciate having these figures or rather, an estimate of the approximate cost involved of all the material necessary which Mr. Ahmaogak ordered on this. We are sure Mr. Jackman would like to have this sent up on the July boat if possible so an early reply from you would be most helpful.

OIL BURNING KITCHEN RANGE: Mr. Ahmaogak has ordered this range with the various parts needed for installation and ordered 40 drums or 2000 gallons of fuel oil. However, if there is a possibility of not securing this oil burning range for this year's shipment they will be stranded for fuel for cooking purposes. If the oil stove is not secured then we had better substitute according to last year's order for fuel, namely, 6 tons of Utah Cobble Lump Coal which will provide them with some fuel for heating purposes and cooking also. If the oil range can be secured then forget about the substitution.

Re: 1945-46 Requisitions for Wainwright, Alaska

There is one other matter to be straightened out. Mr. Ahmaogak reported to us several months ago when we were paying some lighterage bills that some of the supplies intended for our Barrow station were shipped to Wainwright which necessitated freighting them by dog sled to Barrow from Wainwright and involved additional cost. We wrote Mr. Ahmaogak that we would mention this to you when writing but that things like this cannot be helped these days when there is such a shortage of labor and so many people are handling things. However, will you be particular in asking the different shipping agents to be sure to mark each respective order for the mission station for which the shipment is meant? We have been extra careful in marking each order very definitely as to its destination.

This completes the order for Wainwright as far as we know.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koernor, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

FK

Enc. 2 copies of 1945-46 Wainwright requisitions

JUN 5 1945

Narrative - - - March 15 to April 14, 1945.

This month finds us with renewed vigor to carry on the church activities now that they are in full swing once again. Ordinarily, after the storm follows a great calm. In somewhat the same sense such has been our experience following the flu. Storms do force us to change our course homeward toward haven, so has this past experience caused some of our members to change their course Godward and to search into their own lives and come out expressing their desire for new commitment to our Lord and prove their sincerity by confessing their sins to the Lord in the presence of His servants, the lay pastor and the session.

In our series of sermons suggested by the "Plan Book" for the preparation of Easter Day we have endeavored to win new souls for Christ. As we could not take in any new members officially without the ordained Minister we did not take any in although we have a few on hand to take into full membership.

If Easter ever meant anything to the christain in giving him a joy of hope of life and ressurrection it has done more so to this church at this time when so many have passed away in so short a time as one month. And what is more, perhaps we can be more sympathetic with the world at large of what it is going through these years of war and pray more earnestly for those who have not yet find hope of life beyond the grave so that they may come to know Him who said-"Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God."

All in all, personal impression of this church is, that the church as a whole has been drawn closer together in communion and fellowship with one another and not the least with their Lord and Mast er.

You have no doubt received our contribution for the Easter Offering which have been forwarded previously at an earlier date, to the amount of $29.60.

Rec'd 4/13/45

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak, Lay Pastor
Wainwright Presby. Church
Wainwright, Alaska.

JUN 15 1945 ALASKA

NARRATIVE
April I5 to May I4, I945

Early part of this month found all able bodied men digging grave to bury our dead who passed away during the winter. One grave dug where there was ice below the depth of the summer's thaw was large enough to accomodate I7 coffins. All digging was done with pick and shovel which took four days. In order to take care of all the casualty caused by the flu we conducted three funeral services at different times as we had no accomodations to take all of them at one time. These funeral services were had last month which were overlooked for entry in last month's report.

Whaling took place this month and several men are camping out on the water's edge about I2 miles out from the village, maning three omiaks. There has been no whales killed as yet. In order to have our men keep up with us in our Sunday school lessons we are providing them with leaflets each week.

This month we took time to dust the interior of our church, which according to the information I got, is the first going over the church ever had since erected. Since the inside finish is uncoated celotex I did not know what to use for cleaning at first but finally succeeded in using brooms. This procedure however did much for improving the looks although it might not have been the best method. Someone suggested rubbing it with dough made out of flour and water but I, thinking that I should first try this out on smaller scale we dropped this suggestion and succeeded with broom method. The three boys who helped me gave their services free of charge. Whenever the services for help are asked of the people for the work of the church building it is voluntary and free of charge. The manse was also scrubbed. The expense of this being taken care ofpersonally. Since having been asked to transfer to Barrow we are glad that we did this cleaning of both the church and manse although we did not know of the coming transfer. I am hoping that the transfer will not interfere with the coming of the light plant and oil burning range for this Mission. Also paint which has been ordered for the church proper is badly needed.

We were very much disappointed to have been informed that Dr. Jackman was not able to come to Wainwright after having been to Barrow which is only I00 miles north of here, an hours run by plane. It is not very often that we in the far north are visited by our Secretaries and a chance of seeing and talking with one when lost is a disapointment to us beyond words.

According to plans at present, first week of next month should find us stationed in Barrow, taking care of the Mission there. We expect to find the work and responsibility heavier on our shoulders there since there are more people to work with and work for and not the least the Navy being next door to the village. We appeal to the church out there for extra prayers on our behalf and the work for our "Master". We will go forward with courage,trusting in His promise-"And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world".

Many of our people in Wainwright have expressed their regret of seeing us leave the church here. In return, I have always told them that though we may leave them, the good Lord never leaves His church. Also encouraging them by telling them that though we leave them our spirit would be with them by remembering them in our prayers. At this particular time the words found in 2 Cor.5:I6 have their significance-"Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know Him so no more."

Respectfully Submitted
Roy Ahmaogak

May 15, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Wainwright, Alaska

Dear Roy:

I am sorry to have missed a visit with you at Wainwright because there were many things about which we needed to confer. I was at Barrow five days and each day hoped to fly with Sig Wien going with him on his trip to Kotzebue and returning with him from Wainwright to Barrow the next day. Each day weather prevented and I left with Sig with the plane loaded for the trip but unable to make it because of the weather. I put on the plane a small package of printed material which we hope you received.

It was a pleasure to meet Willie, Steven, and Minnie from your congregation who had been at White Mountain School and who were returning home on the same plane. I rode with them from Nome to Fairbanks and then as far as Barrow.

In my conference with Mr. Klerekoper, we arranged for you to move to Barrow temporarily until we can find a replacement for The Klerekoper's. We did this without the possibility of consulting you but your fine spirit of cooperation in the past has indicated that you would be willing to make this adjustment during the interim. We hate to leave Wainwright without a leader but feel that the Barrow Church is larger and probably more important just now.

We hope this adjustment can be made for you without interfering with the closing of your school work. We hope also that you can arrange with the officers of the Church to go ahead with their services until you can return. We hope it will not be a long period of time but we cannot tell that. Offer our apologies to your family for moving them around so much. We can pay the expenses of this move but cannot always ease the uprooted feelings of a family.

We have looked up the matter of our financial arrangements with you and have felt for several weeks that it was not satisfactory. Last year when I came into the office I found that you were not docketed for any salary. There was the maintenance item of $800 for Wainwright. The year past before we awakened to the fact that you were left out. We took it for granted

since the order for your personal items and maintenance of the station was nearly $1500 that there had been an overdraft and there was no money coming to you. We have checked back over the figures and find that your personal order was $696.66 so there should come to you a check for $103.34. We are asking the Treasury Department for this check and shall forward it to you.

In this new budget year we are docketing you for $1200. You may order against this amount for your personal things and we shall send you the balance at the end of the year after the account is settled. We are increasing it to $1200 because we feel you are worthy of it and because you are willing to be upset in this change to Barrow and back to Wainwright for the best interests of our work.

We do not yet have a final report on the matter of the light plant but are still hoping to get it for you. We know it will be a brighter day for Wainwright when you can have electricity in the Church and manse.

I am wondering if you have any snap shots of the Church and manse. There may be some here in the files some place but we have not seen them yet. It would be helpful to us to have a good picture of both and also to have an outline of the floor plans of the manse and Church with a description of the furnishings. Since it was not possible for me to visit this will give us a better idea of your situation and your needs.

Next year we hope it will not be necessary for you to have a regular relationship with the School. If you are giving full time to the Church and full time to the school it is more than is humanly possible for a person to fulfill. We would rather have you devote your time to the ministry through the Church and be helpful to the school program.

Do you have any report on the possibility of using local coal for the future? We have asked Mr. Howell to get you an oil stove if possible and send oil for fuel. If not possible then to substitute coal. Since my visit to Barrow I am wondering about the possibility of the development of the local coal mines which could supply coal at about one-fourth the cost of shipping it from the States. That would be a great saving to us and a greater convenience to the mission station to have it on the ground. It was my impression that this coal was being mined somewhere in the vicinity of Wainwright and hauled to Barrow.

We are wondering about the delivery of your personal items on this summer's shipment. If you are still to be at Barrow during August and September when the boat comes in we ought to arrange for your personal items to be put off at Barrow and the fuel and supplies to be put off at Wainwright. On the other hand, if

you have returned to Wainwright by that time you will want everything delivered there. We are suggesting to Mr. Howell that the supplies for the station be addressed to the Presbyterian Mission at Wainwright and that your personal items could be addressed to you personally. If you are still at Barrow you could then wire the ship's captain and ask him to put your personal things off at Barrow instead of Wainwright. This may cause some confusion on the boat but would be much better for you. We shall see if it is possible.

Kindest personal regards and appreciation for your fine cooperative spirit!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Wainwright and Barrow Presbyterian Missions
Narrative
May 15 to June 14, 1945.

JUL 5 1945

After Dr. Jackman's visit to Barrow word came to me in Wainwright from Rev. Klerekoper of Barrow Presbyterian Church that it was agreed upon that I should move to Barrow and take over the church work since Klerekopers were leaving the field. That no one had been found to take over the work in Barrow. At first thought I was in the impression that Wainwright Mission was going to suffer for the sake of Barrow's vacancy whereas Barrow was the one to suffer. Stating my convictions to Rev. Klerekoper I also said that I felt that there is more work still to be done both along the church work and in the property of the Mission in Wainwright. I also stated that when I leave Wainwright church I wanted to have the feeling of satisfaction of having accomplished my work as lay pastor of the people of God, that lives have been taught and trained to stay firm in the christain faith. But then word came again from Rev. Klerekoper that he and Dr. Jackman had counted on me to take charge of the church work in Barrow. That there were more people to look after there in Barrow and that it was not at all healthy spiritually since Navy Camp was next door to the community. So then I agreed and immediately start preparing to leave. I called the meeting of the Wainwright session by an announcement in the church service and told the church at the same time that I had been asked to move to Barrow to take over the church work there. At a Prayer Meeting Service there were some people who stood up and expressed their regret of us leaving the field there. When all was over I told the church that we should, as our Lord commanded "pray that the Lord of the harvest send forth more laborers into his field". Also told the people that although we may leave them, the good Lord never leaves His church, that "where two or three are gathered together in His name He was there in the midst of them.

In the Session Meeting at Wainwright we made arrangements of how the church services should be conducted and who should take charge at each meeting. I made the session promise me that church activities shall not be neglected, that the elders in turn will take charge of the Sunday Services, and deacons and other members in good standing to lead the mid-week services as the elders appoint them in turn. I also asked that the monthly offering be continued.

The different branches of the church work now rest on no one man's shoulders but is spread out to responsible persons all of whom are elders or deacons and Sunday school teachers. Young peoples' Christain Endeavor Society under the supervision of elder Wm. Penn Kagak, supervision of the Sunday school under elder Alva Nashoalook with 8 or more Sunday school teachers, Conducting of Juniors under the leadership of deacon Edward Toorak with four co-workers. Having known each individual personally I can confidently say that the church work in Wainwright Presbyterian Church will continue to function as it should under these various leaders of each Department.

I have promised the Wainwright Presbyterian Church members that I will try to get the Board's permission to visit that church and check up on the work probably during the summer. I can assure the Board that there will be no expense of transportation for this trip.

The extra help and dogteam for our moving from Wainwright to Barrow was given free by Sgt. Eddie Hopson. He was offered the pay, stating that it would come from the Board of National Missions but he did not accept the pay, so then the offer was dropped, and thanks to him, the

Board can use the money elsewhere.

After three long days of slow travel of over I2 hours each day, due to heavy load and big family we arrived in Barrow at II o'clock Saturday night, but remember the sun was still shining high in the heaven N.W. of us. The next day being Sunday find me taking charge of the morning and evening services. There was no Sunday school that day as there was no Teachers' Class study Saturday night. The Special offering on "Children's Day" was announced in the morning service for the evening service and the results was Thirty Nine Dollars and Sixty Cents. The Session Meeting was also announced for Tuesday night. When the time came seven elders were present. The meeting was opened in the regular way and discussions were mostly plans and preliminary discussion of the work.

The present plans are that the Session will have a weekly meetings to get caught up with the unfinished business of same.

Now that the whaling season is over and without any whales, we have asked for volunteers for substitute teachers in Sunday school. Having been satisfied with the results in the Sunday school of Wainwright Church with two teachers to each Primary, Junior and Intermediate classes and each class memorizing a memory text each week and then having review ofmemory texts at the end of each quater, the Barrow church which for long while have dropped the memorizing of Golden Texts was asked to get caught up with the method of Wainwright Sunday school. The Barrow Sunday school teachers have willing accepted this advise and I know they will have felt after a quarter's review that they have accomplished one step of advancement in the knowledge of God's word.

We are hoping and praying that the Lord will graciously bless this and Wainwright church and may we ask you all to join us in your prayers for God's special blessing upon these two villages.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak, Lay pastor.

AUG 131945

NARRATIVE

June - - - - - July 15, 1945.

People of the village are together in the village for a short period now that the whaling is over. Most of the men who camped out on the ice hunting whales and etc. for almost two months are back home. Although whales were not gotten unusual number of seals were killed. In two weeks time just before the whaling crews left the open lead for shore there was an extra run of seals and about three hundred or more seals were killed in that time. Many remembered the goodness of Providence for this incidence.

The church work or program is going on in usual routine with nothing much to interfere with the work. I have had two different people at different ~~times~~ times who, of their own selves call on me to talk over of their spiritual problems . Prayer and encouragement was had and given to each one. It is my conviction that the Lord has blessed these individuals for having shared their difficulties with Him and His servant.

Also, there was a case of unfinished business from the former meetings prior to my arrival which was finished early part of this month. Some suspended members were also considered in the various session meetings which have served their term of suspensions. Some were considered as reinstated to full fellowship of the church because the session deemed them worthy of reinstatement. In one of these session meetings there were four young people who appeared before the session of their own free will without any citation from the session and expressed their repentance by confessing their sins. They were admonished and prayed with by us. One of them was an army boy from Barrow who during his army life had fallen deep into sin of various types. He earnestly sought God's forgiveness. Before his coming to the session meeting I had a long talk with him alone about his spiritual welfare. Evendently, he did some thinking and decided of his own will to meet with the session. If these and few other experiences of the month could indicate anything, it is my conviction that we are on the forward march in closer fellowship with God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fourth of July took place on Wednesday. According to the custom of the past, games were had with prizes for the winners during the day. All games were closed in the evening for a period of prayer meeting service. Our topic of thought for the prayer meeting was, twofold liberty we enjoy ~~through~~ through the Son. After the service the games of the day were closed with a base ball game between the seabees and the natives. Natives win the day for which we were proud.

Friday after the fourth of July was our local "Memorial Day." We spent the day by fixing up our graveyard. Graves needing more sodding up were sodded. Markers were repainted as far as the gallon of paint could serve. According to the elders, Mr. Klerekoper had promised one gallon of paint for this occasion when the time comes, which I granted to comply with the arrangement made by him.

During this month Wainwright Presbyterian Church has send me their offering for the month of July which I have forwarded under separate cover. I have had several letters from some of them whenever plane comes from down that way which give us encouragements or rather impression that the church there is doing very well so far under various leaders. The report I got from there about the last quarter's Review of Sunday school lessons and especiall the Golden Texts from memory was rather interesting. Each class from the Old peoples' class down to the little dots sort of competing to make the best showing. The experience of the last quarter's review, I am told has given each class more determination to make better showing on next quarter's

Sheet #2.

Narrative

June - - July 1945.

Review.

I might say here that Barrow Sunday School is gradually picking up with the memorizing of Memory texts. Since they began this only four weeks ago we need not expect too much from them. They have been notified though that they will be given review of the memory texts from memory at the end of the quarter which began on the first of July.

We appeal to your prayers on our behalf. Our thanks and praise to Him who never leaves us to tackle His work alone. We have felt His presence with us in the work of the past month.

Respectfully submitted by

Royahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

July 17, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Barrow, Alaska

Dear Roy:

Our telegram to you concerning the light plant for Wainwright was really too late. Mr. Howell of Seattle had given us the impression that it was impossible to get the 800 kilowatt plant and that the 1500 watt plant was under high priority and might not be secured. We wired him your report but he wired back that he could not stop the shipment of the plant. The 1500 kilowatt plant was already on the boat and on its way. This is larger than you need but, on the other hand, the larger plant might last longer than the smaller one.

We hope that we may find a replacement for Barrow before too many months so that you will have the joy of going back to Wainwright to set up the plant and make it possible for the Church, manse, and community to have lights.

We have not heard from you concerning your desire as to whether we should hold your salary and forward you the balance after your annual personal order is paid or whether you would like to have it come monthly. Lest you might be getting into the possibility of having no ready funds, we are asking the Treasury Department to send your salary at the rate of $100 a month for the months of October and November 1944. When we hear from you we shall adjust the rest of it.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue requires us to have a Withholding Tax Certificate from each one of our employees stating their number of dependents and the exemptions claimed on their salaries. Our Treasury Department here does not have a completed form from you so we are enclosing one with a request that you will complete it as early as possible and return it to us. Your payments from us may be held up until this matter is settled.

When I left Mr. Klerekoper he had intended to send us an inventory of the food which was left-over for which the new missionary would be charged when he arrived. He also intended to send us an inventory of

the furniture in the manse so that we would have a complete record of everything. Evidently there were so many things to do at the last minutes that they were not able to take care of all of these matters and we have not received these two statements. In addition we have made out a regular food and fuel order to be shipped up on the boat this summer. We did this in the hope that we would have another couple for Barrow and everything would be there when they arrived. From present indications, we will not be able to get a couple there by the time the boat arrives and we will need to ask you and the Session to receive the goods which will come on the boat and see that it is properly cared for. When we have a report from Mr. Howell, we will send you a list of what is being shipped.

We understand that the Utila Family has moved into the manse so that the property will be occupied until the new couple arrives. We do not know what arrangements were made concerning rent or use of the property. We understand that Mr. Clyde Cobb of the Alaska Communications System was given the power to rent the igloo while The Utila Family is in the manse. During these arrangements we seem to be so far away and know so little about it. If any question arises we shall trust the wisdom of you and the Session to look after our interests in the right manner.

We trust your work is going well at Barrow and you are having a real response to your leadership. My impression is that the people in Barrow have confidance in you and will join you in the work of the Church.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Enc. Withholding Exemption Certificate (Form W-4)

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
BARROW, ALASKA.

AUG 13 1945

July 18, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D. D.
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U.S.A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letters of May 15 and July 6 on hand. They were delivered within the same week. Your letter of May 15 came through Wainwright and was held there for sometime due to transportation. Your letter of July 6 was delivered here the 16th. What a difference of time the mail services are being rendered here and at Wainwright. Thanks to you for these letters and the encouragement you have extended in the message of your letters. The spirit of the way your message speaks really [illegible] warmth and zeal to ones heart and soul for the responsibility one humbly shoulders for the Lord and you His agents.

Please pardon me for trying to answer your two letters referred to in the above with this one letter.

First, I want to thank you for the checking up of my financial status under your Board. Thanks indeed for straightening up what has not been clear to me for sometime, that of my docket. Also thanks for the check of $103.34 received recently for the balance of the purchases made of last year.

May I call your attention to the fact that I prefer the method of the past about my salary, that of ordering my groceries and personal wear and of sending me the balance by check. Please continue this method as before. Hold everything until personal order is send in and paid for and then send the balance at the close of the budget year.

Since arriving here I find that your request to have me move here temporarily is justifiable. There are certain young people we have to keep our eyes on and carry along as we would a sick person. Surely the neighboring Seabees have added a spiritual problem in connection with some of our young people. But my opinion and belief is that we can meet and by God's grace win the day for God and His kingdom. We are far from discouragements.

When I first break the news to my wife and family of our transfer to Barrow it was a joy they couldn't hide. Since Barrow has been our home and part of the family living there those of our family with us looked forward to moving to Barrow with joy. But then I told them again that I wasn't eager for the change, stating my reasons and you should have seen the sudden change of joy to sober faces. I really did shock them for a while but said again that we may have to move. Anyway the mother was determined and started preparation for the move. I am sure they will be just as eager to make the change to Wainwright again now that they have been here awhile.

At a later date I shall try to have your office supplied with the snapshot

of Wainwright church and manse as I do not have one on hand. When I make the trip this summer I shall have the pictures taken of both the church and manse. I shall include an outline of the floor plans of both with a description of the furnishings which isn't much to say the truth.

About the report on local coal which you asked for, I can say that it is the only coal we have been burning in the heaters of both the church and manse in Wainwright. I see no reason why it can't be used here in Barrow if enough can be supplied for this village. The trouble in the past has been that of not being able to supply the community's need. The coal Barrow is getting is not quite as good as the coal we get down at Wainwright. It crumbles into fine coal as soon as it is exposed to the sun or heat. The Wainwright coal can be exposed to weather for the year without crumbling. The shipped coal which I order yearly for Wainwright is used for kitchen stove only. The local coal is very slow and is far from satisfactory for cooking purposes. It takes a good strong draft to get it started and to get the right heat. When the time comes for change to oil burning stove in the Wainwright manse we can altogether cut out shipped coal from our requisition. And I believe it will cut the consumption of local coal in the manse by one third. However, to be exact we can find it out once we start using the oil burning stove which we are looking forward to with pleasure.

I have been wondering too as much as you have about our personal supplies if we have to be here till or after the boat comes in. I agree with you on your plan of arranging my personal items to be put off here at Barrow and the fuel and other items for the Mission proper to be put off at Wainwright. If replacements should happen to turn up before the supply ship gets in suggest you wire me. If nothing happens till then we will follow the present plan. I will also discuss the lighterage and the longshoring with the teachers and the Native store manager at Wainwright when I make my trip down there in the near future. I can tell them what to unload down there and what to send on up to Barrow if we are to be here still. I will also wire the ships captain or the purser of what we want to unload there.

Since the manse here is unoccupied it seems a waste of fuel to keep the fire going out I believe it is best to have it going. When I was here before during the furlough of Klerekopers the moisture in the manse caused the linoleum floor to bulge up and expand due to lack of heat and caused it to crack in places. To prevent this, I think it is best to keep the fire going, especially when the climate starts to get colder and damp. Same thing may happen to our lino floor in Wainwright.

Would you authorize me to put our order for 150 sacks of coal (local) for the church of Wainwright for the coming year? There will be enough time to let me know by letter. We can have it arranged through Wainwright Native Store.

Please be assured that I have no desire to make connections with the school work for the coming year. I am more than willing to comply with your requirements.

Please accept our kindest regards and appreciation for your many favors.

Respectfully yours,

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

AUG 13 1945

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
BARROW, ALASKA.

July 25, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D. D.
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Your letter of 17th on hand this evening and am forwarding an answer without delay. So the 1500 kilowatt plant is on its way to Wainwright. Since we cannot do otherwise we will gladly accept it and take the best care in storing it, till we can set it up. If I can have your permission to furnish lights for the individual homes I am sure they will be more than willing to share some of the expense of running it if it can come out little cheaper than buying their gas from the local stores. On the other hand, the local stores might feel toward us as sort of their competitors. But I hardly think so, because they can change the money they use for gasoline purchases to something else that will sell more readily. If it is impossible for us to return to Wainwright in time to put it up, would you advise storing it for the year or should we try to have it set up? My personal opinion is that I should be there to help with it.

I have mailed my letter to you just recently concerning my salary and I shall repeat here that I am satisfied with the way it has been handled before. However, since you have notified me in your letter that you have asked the Treasury Department to send me the money for the months of October and November of 1944, I shall be glad to receive it, and may I extend my appreciation and thanks for your considerations.

I am enclosing the exemption certificate which I have filled out. The exemption claimed are for my wife and seven children which are entirely dependants on my salary.

Mr. Uotila and family occupied the manse for a short period after Klerekopers left here. They had already moved in when I arrived from Wainwright in June. I did not go into details about the rent with him taking it for granted that Mr. Klerekoper had it arranged before he went away. Uotila family is gone now. They have been transfered. Before Mr. Uotila left he told me that Mr. and Mrs. Klerekoper had taken enventory of everything they were leaving for their successors. I guess you will get the list of the things in time from Klerekopers. If not please let me know and I shall take enventory of the things at your notice.

Due to shortage of food for my family and not able to buy any of the kind from the local stores I got some food stuff from what they have at the manse with the help of Mr. Uotila. I am enclosing the itemized list of what I have used and wish to make the payment when I can find out what the prices are. Mr. Uotila did not have the prices nor the copy of the inventory. He said he understood the Klerekopers to say that they had taken the list with them. He has left in my care his letter to the new man who is to take over the Mission here. He told me he had used few of the food stuff of Klerekopers he needed and had replaced them with what food he had to leave

to more than balance what he had used. My guess is that this letter of Mr. Uotila in my care contains the statement about it all.

I have already received part of the grocery invoices for this summer both for this Mission and my personal invoices. They were all mailed in one envelope under the address of this Mission. I am sorry to report that one of the sheets of the invoices which was addressed to this Mission was an error which I am positive should come under my name. Thus leaving me out entirely of milk and canned vegetables which most of it is duplicate to main sheet of invoice for Barrow Mission. On the main sheet of invoice for Barrow Mission is 20 cases of milk and on the other sheet of few list of groceries also addressed to Barrow Mission is another I5 cases of milk which I claim should have come under my name. Thus leaving me out of milk. I am hoping that this error is only on the paper and not on the label of merchandise.We Will find this out for sure when the goods arrive.

Thanks for your remark about the rent of the igloo and the manse. I shall see Mr. Cobb soon how the rent is being taken care of. I understand he is to leave Barrow very soon. I had taken it that Mr. Klerekoper had arranged all this with your approval. So I never bothered myself to find out about it.

The church work is going on quite satisfactorily. Just last Sunday night Service found seven on their knees on the altar which came forward to seek God's forgiveness. The elders and myself prayed with them and also encouraged them. All had formerly accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour but felt they were out of harmony with God because of their willfulness. No doubt some of them had been enfluenced by the Seabees to disobeying the home and community rules, as well as of the church. Please continue to pray for us that God may win more souls close to His side through us his servants.

You will also find the Benevolence offering for the month of July from the WAINWRIGHT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. I am happy to report that that church is doing satisfactorily under the leadership of various elders [illegible] and members in good standing. I am looking forward to the trip there with pleasure and get in touch with the people there personally.

Yours respectfully in the Master's service,

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

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July 15 - August 14, 1945

Narrative

This month find both our church routine and work outside of our regular church activities perhaps with little more to do than ordinary. Three ships arrived last of this month with freight for Seabees, Brower, and the Mission.

During an earlier date of our church activities I called a meeting of the community girls from 14 years and up and gave a special talk in an effort to encourage the virtue of chastity. I feel that this had not been in vain. The girls showed an encouraging attitude and many expressed it by thanking me for this meeting.

This month I have had some individual callers, who shared their difficulties with me individually and we sought God's help and grace to help in time of need. These individuals were given advice and encouragement.

In one of our Evening Worship seven girls came forward to the altar and knelt in prayer seeking closer fellowship with God. The elders and myself prayed with and for them and also instructed them the way to live in closer fellowship with God.

I also had a woman who called on me during this month who wished that her husband might be encouraged to come to church services more regularly. These various duties which come up to our attention as servants of Christ make the month go by before we know it.

Offering was had on the first Sunday of August and the amount was $35.99. This is the starter for the monthly offerings decided upon for this church. These offerings are to be used in whatever capacity the Board sees fit. We give to the Lord and trust the Board to use it according to His purpose.

In my report previous to this month I made remark that I searched through the church records for the complete roll of membership but failed to find it. It was not a wonder that I could not find it. Rev. Alerekoper had evidently taken several of the records with him when he left for completion I presume and then mailed them back. I have them now and have been able to fill in the space before omitted. In the present membership space reserved members are omitted. Also on the space for total number of families those residing in camps outside of Barrow, originally from Barrow are not included also.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak, Lay pastor.

ALASKA

MONTHLY REPORT

For Month Ending Aug 14, 1945

Synod ..... Presbytery Yukon ..... Church Served Barrow Presby. Church

Report of (name) Roy Ahmaogak ..... Address Barrow, Alaska

Present Membership of Church 328, of Sunday School 230, Total Number Families 100

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

SUNDAY MEETINGS	1st Sun. or Week	2nd Sun. or Week	3rd Sun. or Week	4th Sun. or Week	5th Sun. or Week	TOTAL
1. Morning Service Attendance	153	144	131	227		655
2. Afternoon Service Attendance						
3. Night Service Attendance	157	161	194	247		759
4. Sunday School Attendance	183	178	166	192		719
5. Young People's Meeting Attendance	43	48	39	45		175
6. Other Meetings Attendance Juniors	53	61	41	72		227
Week-Day Meetings and Other Items and Activities						
7. Prayer-Meeting Attendance	125	119	119	110		473
8. Attendance—Leadership Training						
9. Attendance—Vacation Bible School						
10. Attendance—Week-day Religious Instruction						
11. Attendance—Minister's Preparatory Class	12	9	11	10	12	54
12. Attendance—Organized Activities—Boys						
13. Attendance—Organized Activities—Girls						
14. Attendance—Org. Activities—Young People						
15. Attendance—Org. Activities—Adults						
16. Attendance—Women's Society						
17. Attendance—Other Meetings and Activities				6		6
18. New Members received by Confession						
19. New Members received by Letter						
20. Amount Paid by Church on Pastor's Salary						
21. Amount Paid by Church on Current Expense						
22. Amount Paid to National Missions						
23. Amount Paid for Other Benevolences						
24. Number of Pastoral Visits						

USE OTHER SIDE FOR ADD... ITEMS AND NARRATIVE
MAKE A SEPARATE REPOR... CH CHURCH SERVED

ALASKA

DUPLICATE COPY

Send to Executive or Chairman

Memorandum

Voucher for the month of

July 15 - August 14, 1945

with report attached was mailed

Aug 16, 1945
DATE

Reports

are to be made in triplicate. The original with voucher attached is to be mailed to the Treasurer in New York, or to Synod or Presbytery Treasurer as directed.

A second copy of Report is to be mailed to the Presbytery or Synod Headquarters as directed.

The missionary is to retain the third copy for his or her own file.

Offering sent direct to Treasurer

August 3, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Barrow, Alaska

My dear Mr. Ahmaogak:

We have asked our Purchasing Agent, The Rev. Mr. Howell, to send you a copy of the complete order for Barrow and what was shipped. May we ask you to check against this list what is received by you up there so that we will have some way of knowing that the order is being taken care of along the lines of receiving, checking, and handling.

We also would appreciate it if you would see that someone, either yourself or the proper person at the Barrow Native Store, signs the Purser's Manifest for the Captain on the boat so that whatever is unloaded for the Presbyterian Missions will tally with Mr. Howell's list of things sent. We have had some trouble over this matter in the past and would like to avoid it this year if possible. We will appreciate your cooperation in helping us settle this in an efficient manner.

There is one other matter we would like to ask your advice on. We wrote to Wien Airlines in Fairbanks about the bill which you forwarded to us. Mr. Alerekoper knew nothing about it. In reply to our letter the Wien office sent us another bill for $107.82 which reads: "Oct. 9-10, 1944 Pass. $93.74, Tax $14.07 for charter down coast from Barrow 2:05 @ $45. per hr. Roy Ahmaogak-$107.82". We are wondering if this is for Mr. Alerekoper's transportation last October when he went down to Wainwright for communion. We can find no other mention in correspondence of any trips made by you or Mr. Alerekoper to which this bill can be linked. We would like something more definite on it before we pay this bill, because it may not belong to our part of the work at all. It may be a mix-up on bookkeeping. Anything you can tell us about this will be enlightening.

Dr. Jackman is away from the office on a field trip and then vacation which will explain the reason for my writing you.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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August 27, 1945

AIR MAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Barrow, Alaska

Dear Roy:

I have returned to the office a couple of days from vacation and find two letters and your wire about the construction men sleeping in the house.

We have sent you the following wire:

"Allow men sleep in house. Arrange rent on basis of their housing allowance. Capable woman keep house. You and session assume control of all mission property."

In my judgment there is no reason for us not to cooperate with the crew who will come to give this benefit to the community, and we hope to the church. We trust that they will be considerate of our property in their use of the second floor as sleeping quarters. I have suggested that a capable woman take care of the house while the men are there and she should be reimbursed for her work. Mr. Klerekoper reported that Mrs. Ella Masuco had been helping them and she would be very familiar with everything in the house. However, if you have someone else use your own judgment.

I did not specify any amount of rent because sometimes there should be a difference in considering it. If these men have been given a Government allowance for sleeping quarters, we should charge them the allowance. If it comes out of their own salary we could charge them a little less. It would seem to me in consideration of light, heat and other things that each one should be charged about $10.00 a week, but this should be adjusted in accordance with the circumstances. You will want to pay for whatever housekeeping care there is out of the amount received. When Mr. Klerekoper left, he gave Clyde Cobb the option of renting the Igloo to an Alaska Communications man. Here again this was adjusted in accordance with the provisions of allowance. If it came out of the man's own salary, the rent was about $10.00 a month, but if it came from his Government allowance the rent has been as high as $30.00 or $40.00 a month. Some consideration on this also should be given to the fact that they have provided material for repair to the Igloo.

In the wire, I suggested that you and the session take complete responsibility for all the mission property. The Government employees change

frequently and we have complete confidence in you and the session.

Be free to use whatever you need from the food supply in the storehouse. We will want you to take proper care of the new supplies which come in so that no damage will result to them. I would suggest that any or all of the food which remained at the time of the Kierekopers' departure, might be sold. The new supplies should be sufficient to cover the needs for the coming year. Mrs. Kierekoper has sent us a list of the food which was left and in most cases she has the prices on the list. Later when vacations are over we will look up the prices on the list which you sent and will charge you accordingly. When we come to the adjustment of your account at the end of the budget year, we will give you a report on it.

I quite agree with you that you ought to be present when the light plant at Wainwright is installed. It has a much larger capacity than needed and others of our church might be supplied and share the cost if that seems wise to you in working out a harmonious arrangement with the Native Store. In some ways it was unfortunate that we were able to get this light plant for Wainwright, because a plant might have been moved from Barrow to Wainwright after the new installation and the church would be able to connect with it. However, it is done now and we will make the most of it.

Sorry there has been some mistake about the shipments of food for you at Wainwright and the mission at Barrow. In this you will have to make the proper adjustment for your family with the food supply left at the Barrow manse.

We will continue to follow the old method of salary adjustment for you. When your personal order is checked, we will send you the balance due you.

As yet we have no prospect of a couple for Barrow. We thought we had a month ago, but they have considered it would be inadvisable for them to come. We are still searching.

To the best of our knowledge Mr. Howell has shipped coal for Wainwright as well as Barrow. We have had so little information from him that we cannot answer this question exactly. If the coal did not come on the boat then arrange through the Native Store for 150 bags of local coal. We are glad to have you tell us of the quality of coal at Barrow and Wainwright as compared with the coal which we have shipped.

Keep a little heat in the manse so that no damage is done to the furniture and linoleum by the cold weather.

We are remembering you and the Barrow people in prayer. We trust that all of your people will remain faithful to their Christian standards during the time the Seabees are there. Some of the influences of the white man are very bad. We regret that these are often thrust upon the Eskimo more strongly than our Christian teachings.

We must trust that God will give all of you strength to be faithful.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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Dictated but not signed by
Dr. Jackman.

Received
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Narrative

September I5 - October I4

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Thanks to Providence the fall whaling has been a success. Our Lord has seen fit to answer the prayers of His people and blessed them with three whales. Not only has He seen fit to bless us with material things but but He has also revealed that His Holy Spirit has been working in the hearts of some of our people. He has seem very close to us, especially did we feel His presence when on the World Wide Communion Service I4 souls came forward to the altar for recommittment to our Lord. When questioned individually the reason for their coming to the altar all confess that they had followed their Lord a far off one way or the other and expressed their desire to be one with the world wide devoted christains and to have the full fellowship of the church. All were prayed with and exhortations were given them by us, the elders. Every one of them showed a genuine desire to obtain what they were seeking and I am sure that our Lord has answered with His promise where He said "Ask; and it shall be given you; Seek, and ye shall find; Knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Matt. 7: 7,8.
I feel that the faith of these people have been rekindled for a closer walk with Him. And for every prayer answered materially or spiritually the faith of the applicants are strengthened and encouraged. Inspite of our handicap, not being able to serve the Lord's table on this occasion we have nevertheless felt His presence.

Our offering was had on the date and the amount was $66.35. This amount is enclosed.

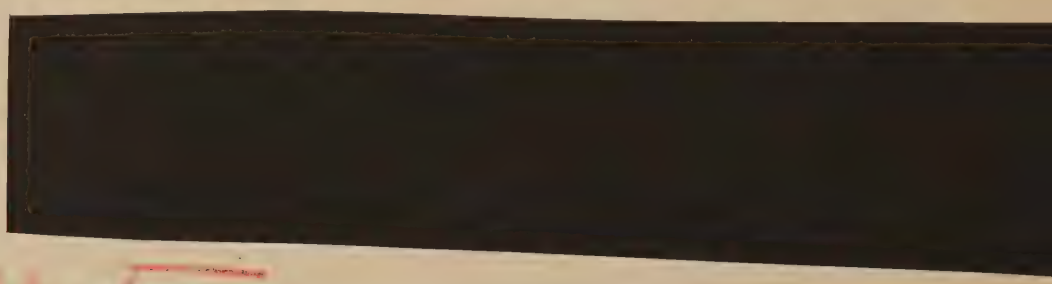
Our church services have been going on as regularly as usual, as per the monthly report indicates. Our Sunday School third quarter review was had at the end of September. The results were very satisfactory. Knowledge of Scripture does not necessarily make a christain out of every one, for the devil himself can quote Scripture better than most of us, but it does a world of good to know the Scripture for anyone who has become a christain and use it as counterattack to devil's own temptations as did our Lord.

As to my report on pastoral visits which seemed not quite satisfactorily done not from my side of it, I wish to state my opinion on the case if I may. There are two ways the servant of Christ can approach people. One is by having calls made on you and the other by making your calls to the homes. When someone looks me up with his problems I feel I am needed and do not feel that I am inturuding into a home where I may not have been wanted at the time I call. I might make this mistake when I make my calls on the homes at my leisure hour, unless it be to a house of mourning or one critically ill. When I make my calls I am not sure I am wanted but when I am called on I feel I can do more good and know I am welcomed. Also where only One pastoral visit is marked in the column on the report sometimes it stands for a call at the hospital where one see not one person but each and all the patients open to a visit numbering anywhere from 5 to I0 or more individuals. And then too, I associate with the people daily perhaps more than a white person would with no doubt people counting

on me as one of them, whereas some would feel out of place with a white person in their social contact perhaps feeling inferior to him. This as you know is one of the big problems for the church today everywhere, namely, the racial problem. However this is not so much the case now, here.

We are having a shortage of Sunday school materials, such as we have been receiving every year or rather every summer mail both for this Mission and the Wainwright Mission. Ordinarily our supplies came by mail but there have been no sign of them to date. The Sunday school materials such as quarterlies for various departments and picture cards were year behind. In other words we use I944 lessons for I945. We had not ordered these materials with an understanding that requisition placed some time back was yet effective. I found some I944 Sunday school materials in some of the Mission boxes for the last quarter which has supplied our need for this and Wainwright Mission, lacking only in picture cards. This supply will last until the last of December, but what after that. I hope we can be supplied here and at Wainwright before then.

May we express our appreciation to our fellow christains for their prayers in our behalf which they will be offering specially for us during this month of October.



September 20, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Barrow, Alaska

Dear Roy:

We have just received your last monthly report which certainly shows great progress in your work. In spite of the various activities at this time of the year, the attendances at your services is keeping up pretty well. We trust everything is going forward in a satisfactory manner. Glad to know that you are having the class in preparation for admission to the Church. The fact that we have no ordained minister on the ground will handicap you somewhat in arranging for the reception of these young people.

You have not included the record of any pastoral visits among your people. Yet in your narrative you indicate that many are seeking your counsel and help in all of the problems of their lives. We believe that you ought to make some visits in the homes of the people as well as having them seek you for counsel and help. Perhaps you are already doing this and not entering it into your reports.

We are enclosing a statement of the goods which were left there for which The Klerekoper's have paid the Board. This statement was made out by Mrs. Klerekoper with the approximate prices of each article so far as she could find them. It was from this stock that you secured the things which you needed for your family. We have used these prices in deciding how much you owe on the things which you used. We are also sending a statement of the prices of these things and will charge it against the amount which is due you for the year and will be taken out when a statement is made at the end of the budget year.

We would suggest that you sell everything that was in stock when The Klerekoper's left. The new shipment should be there and taken care of now, and it would be well to dispose of everything which was there and which is good. We would want you to be sure that there is an ample supply of basic food for anyone coming if and when we are able to get another couple for Barrow. Prices which are listed are wholesale prices at Seattle. If you purchase any of this material for yourself you should charge yourself the wholesale price. If on the other hand, you sell it to some of the White residents or Eskimos, we should ask you to add to the list cost approximately 20% which would pay for the freight and shipping. In some cases they may

have to be adjusted because of some depreciation of the goods such as baking powder or sugar but in general this plan should be followed. We suggest one reservation, however. We do not want to run in competition with the Native Store and we would not want these things to be sold at a price which is lower than that charged by the Native Store so that we would be unfair to the store's business.

As yet, we have been unable to get from Mr. Howell a complete statement on what was shipped. When this comes we will forward it to you so that you can do your checking against it. It should have been in your hands before the shipment arrived so you could tell whether this order was all delivered.

We would be interested in having all of the information you can give us about the number of Seabees in Barrow, something of their activities, and the relationship to the community. We realize you have a very difficult problem in dealing with the problem. We are remembering you and your people in prayer and trust that you may be strong to follow Christ.

We are grateful to you for the offering which you have forwarded. We commend you for your plan of monthly offerings and send you the information that we plan to take first of all from these offerings the benevolence quota for the Church and use the balance to cover the costs of the ministry for the mission. The Board pays for the maintenance and the support of the Pastor. In giving these offerings the people will be sharing in the maintenance of their own work. We feel that they will want to have this part in it and we would encourage them to make their gifts as large as possible on the basis of the tithe.

Glad to know that you have found the record books. This will help you in your relations to the congregation.

Blessings upon you and your people in all of your activity.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK

Enc.: List of food stuffs left at Barrow by Klerekoper's in May 1945
List of food purchased by Mr. Ahmaogak from this food left by Klerekoper's

List of groceries bought by Mr. Roy Ahmaogak at Barrow; food stuffs had been left by Klerekoper's and included in inventory made by them.

3	pckgs.	raisins @ $.14 per pckgs.	$ .42
1	"	brown sugar 1#	.07
1	lb.	nuts @ .$50 per lb.	.50
2	3# "	rolled oats @ $.28 per pkg.	.56
2	cases	milk @ $.39 per case	8.78
1	5# can	Klim	2.75
3	pckgs.	prunes @ $.27 per pckg.	.81
3	"	pancake flour 2# each @ $.13 per pckg.	.39
3	lb.	noodles - 1# each @ $.19 per pckg.	.57
5	cans sml.	corn beef @ $.25 per can	1.25
1	1#	pinepple-peach preserves	.22
1	1#	peach "	.14
1	2#	grape jam	.23
1	8 oz.	current jelly	.34
1	peanut butter - 2 lbs.		.54
1	2#	Dude ranch raspberry preserves @ $.25 per lb.	.50
			$18.07 .....$18.07

Foodstuff purchased and found by Mr. Ahmaogak at Barrow but not listed on inventory by The Klerekoper's - (prices computed from 1944 bills from Mr. Howell)

2	doz.	eggs @ $.45 per doz.	$ .90
7	lb.	dried figs @ $.28 per lb.	1.96
6	lbs.	dreid peaches @ $.64 per lb.	3.84
15	lbs.	butter @ $.52 per lb.	7.80
			$14.50 ..... 14.50

TOTAL.....$32.57

Unit of Work in Alaska
September 20, 1945

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THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
BARROW, ALASKA.

Sept. 30, 1945.

Dr. J. Earl Jackman,
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Enclosed please find our statements of lighterage and drayage for both Missions, namely, Barrow and Wainwright Presbyterian Missions.

Our supplies for this Mission were checked by me personally and signed for. I checked them from the freight bills received from the Purser of the Alaska Steamship Co!s ship "Enos Mills". You will note the shortages from the accompanying statement made here for supplies landed in Barrow.

The Mission supplies for Wainwright were checked by one of our Deacons. You will note that the statement made by Robert James who did the lighterage for us is not quite as complete as the one made here. But I have accepted it on the word of our checker there. Please forward payment direct to the firm s that did the lighterage and drayage for us if you prefer.

I flew to Wainwright in a rush and came back the next day, mainly to check on the supplies landed there and to see that the light plant and the oil range were properly stored, and of course the oil and etc. Since we are handicapped with no warehouse to store things in Wainwright these were stored in the individual warehouses.

The free ride I had anticipated for the trip to Wainwright came at the wrong time so I had to take the last chance as soon as the lighterage work here was completed.

Respectfully yours in the work,

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

OCT 22 1945

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

AT

BARROW, ALASKA.

OCTOBER 5, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D.D.
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Please find currency enclosed to the amount of Sixty Dollars ($60.00) received for the rent of the manse for one month. Thirty Dollars have been deducted for the hire of housekeeper for that time.

Your letter of advise aboutthe different valuations of rent was received after the rent for Sixty Dollars plus Thirty Dollars for housekeeper per month was agreed upon by both parties, namely, myself and the foreman of the A C S employees.

We did not supply the light for the manse but heat only which is being done anyway although the manse is not occupied. As previously reported, I have to keep some heat in the manse so as to keep the can fruits and the like from freezing.

Our church and manse have been included in being supplied with electricity from the power put up by the army. Since then we have been enjoying a better lighting in the church with stronger bulbs.

You will also find currency enclosed to the amount of Thirty Dollars also for the rent of the igloo for the months of July and August. I have not as yet receive the rent for the month of September. This will be forwarded under separate cover as soon as it is received.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

Fresh goods.

Reports.

OCT 22 1945

THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION

AT

BARROW, ALASKA.

Oct. II, 1945.

Rev. J. EarlJackman D.D.
I56 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman:

Enclosed please find money order for the rental payment of the igloo for one month and five days to the amount of Twenty Dollars less fee for same.

The radio boys have left the igloo now but I have already rent it out to another family, man and wife by the name of Mr & Mrs Sam Mount. This man is working for Mr. Wien as one of his machanics.

May I inform you that ~~four~~ 3 whales have been gotten in this village since the first of this month. You can be sure that there will be a good feast of muktuk (Whale skin) on Thanksgiving day and on the Christmas feast. The community as a whole is joyful and thankful over the success of the whaling this fall. There were no walrus gotten this summer but the Lord has been pleased to supply us with whales which is much more liked by the people.

Will close for this time. If you can contact Rev. Klerekoper please give him my regards and also tell him that he left Barrow at the wrong time and got left out from eating fresh muktuk, which I am sure he came to like to eat since living in Barrow for eight years.

Respectfully yours in the Service,
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Roy Ahmaogak

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MONTHLY REPORT

For Month Ending Nov 14, 1945

Synod ..... Presbytery Yukon Church Served Barrow

Report of (name) Roy Ahmaogak Address Barrow, Alaska

Present Membership of Church 328, of Sunday School 230, Total Number Families 104

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

SUNDAY MEETINGS	1st Sun. or Week	2nd Sun. or Week	3rd Sun. or Week	4th Sun. or Week	5th Sun. or Week	TOTAL
1. Morning Service Attendance	247	206	292	273		1018
2. Afternoon Service Attendance						
3. Night Service Attendance	223	206	323	321		1073
4. Sunday School Attendance	280	217	254	289		1040
5. Young People's Meeting Attendance	77	58	82	90		307
6. Other Meetings Attendance	80	91	102	96		369
Week-Day Meetings and Other Items and Activities						
7. Prayer-Meeting Attendance	250	157	213	221	224	1165
8. Attendance—Leadership Training						
9. Attendance—Vacation Bible School						
10. Attendance—S.S. Teachers' Class Week-day Religious Instruction	12	12	10	10	11	55
11. Attendance—Minister's Preparatory Class						
12. Attendance—Organized Activities—Boys						
13. Attendance—Organized Activities—Girls						
14. Attendance—Org. Activities—Young People						
15. Attendance—Org. Activities—Adults						
16. Attendance—Women's Society						
17. Attendance—Session & Deacons Other Meetings and Activities	6	13	8	7	6	40
18. New Members received by Confession						
19. New Members received by Letter						
20. Amount Paid by Church on Pastor's Salary						
21. Amount Paid by Church on Current Expense						
22. Amount Paid to National Missions						
23. Amount Paid for Other Benevolences						
24. Number of Pastoral Visits	1	1	3	2		7

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MAKE A SEPARATE REPORT FOR EACH CHURCH SERVED

JAN 25 1946

Narrative

October I5 - November I4,

I945.

If we can judge anything or anyone after the hearing of an ear or by the seeing of an eye then we can say that our Community girls, previoudy our main problem in trying to keep free from the enfluence of the Seabees is encouraging. It has been done only throught prayer and insistent counseling on the part of the Session. But as this problem became well under control, we were awakened by the fact that some of our boys had started accepting beer offered by the Seabees. This came to light on or about the first of November.

One young man who had been employed by Wien Airlines of Fairbanks, Alaska got into the habit of drinking beer while in Fairbanks and when offered the beer by the Seabees after coming to Barrow, yeilded and included others also. Everyone who had been accused of beer drinking was cited to appear before the Session and dealt with. David Brower, the son of the late Chas. D. Brower was also dealt with. Upon questioning of how long he had been drinking beer, he said that he had used it along with his meals with his father before the latter died. He even told the Session that Rev. Klerekoper knew of the fact that he drank beer had never spoken to him about it and came to the conclusion that such practice was not out of the bound with church preveleges. He and all the rest were made to understand that this church will not compromise in any way in connection with any kind of alcholic beverages. After some hours of discussion and prayers every one of them were won to the side of the church or rather to the side of our Lord Jesus Christ and promise Him and the Session that they will leave the beer alone from now on. They also, each one thank the Session for having the prevelege of meeting with the Session which gave them the better understanding regarding alcholic beverages. Several of the other young men, we came to found out later had turned down many an offer of beer for the which they were commended.

As previously reported in a separate letter, I made a trip to Wainwright second week of November. I made the trip with my own team. Made it in three days going down the coast, due to bad trail and two days coming home. I spent a week with the Wainwright Church and checked over the work of the church there and also helped with the Services while there. The church there is functioning very satisfactorily. The young people there have been cooperative in keeping up the Services as directed by the Session. The new teacher sent there after my leave is a christain woman and it is my conviction that she was sent there under the guidance of our Heavenly Father. She was provided there at a time of emergency. Since the manse is closed and no fires in the church unless it be an hour of worship, she has given the choir and the Church School teachers free use of the school room twice a week. As a sort of a favor the Session there has given her a Sunday school class of English speaking young ladies which she seems to enjoy teaching.
All the dog feed I needed while in Wainwright was donated by the people. More than enough was supplied by the people for which we thanked them.

There will undoubtedly be a shortage of local coal for the church of Wainwright since only about 90 sacks were provided as against I50 ordered.

Sheet #2

Narrative

Oct. I5 - Nov. I4,

I945.

Anew organ is badly needed in Wainwright for the church use. I hope that friends Outside will think of us about this particular need as the young people love to sing and cannot go without one. Can we have one for the coming year?

Along with this month's report are the following offerings of both the Barrow and Wainwright Presbyterian Churches in Money Order.

Barrow monthly Benevolence Offering for November	$56.82	
Barrow Special Thansgiving Offering	3I.63	
Total		88.45
Wainwright Monthly Benevolence Offering, November	$I2.I9	
Wainwright Special Thanksgiving Offering	II.93	
		24.I2
Grand total		$II2.57

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While my stay at Wainwright for the week one young person expressed her desire to become a christain and to confess Christ as her personal Saviour. Because of my limitted prevelege in the work of our Lord she was advised to wait until an ordained Minister could be had to take her into the church officially. She was encouraged in the christain way and was told that the Session would regard her as part of the church if she lives worthy of the cause. Also a suspended member expressed her desire to be reinstated and upon her word and conduct from the t time of her suspension to date the sSession voted her worthy for re-instatement.

We still are looking to you for your help in your prayers in our behalf.

Respectfully Submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak, Lay Pastor.

P.S. This month finds a widow and her three adopted children under their own roof through our initiative which formerly had no shelter of their own. Material was gotten from the Navy Camp and with the Deaconesses in charge of appointing workers the place was completed.

November 19, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Barrow, Alaska

Dear Roy:

We have finally been able to check over the list of personal items which you ordered and which were shipped to you and are now ready to give you an accounting on your salary for last budget year. Your personal items on the summer order amounted to $723.09. We had sent you $200. by check so that you would have some money available and another charge of $32.57 for food that was left by The Klerekoper's leaves a balance of $244.34 which should come to you. We are sorry that this check is so late but we have had great difficulty in getting our accounts straightened out through the Seattle purchases.

We have received from you the monthly payments on the igloo and the use of the manse. Also, we have received the monthly offerings which have been forwarded from Wainwright and Barrow. In due time these receipts will come to you so that you will have the official records from the Board.

We rejoice that the village was able to get three whales this Fall because we knew the great disappointment to the village that no whales were captured during the Spring. You will be interested to know that Radio Technician Hetherington was in the office last week and gave me much information about you and Barrow. He is quite in love with the people of Barrow.

We ought to report to you that any fresh goods which came on the boat this summer and are not being used probably should be sold before they would spoil. We are now corresponding with a young couple in the hope that they will come to Barrow but they cannot reach there until after the first of the year if they finally decide to come. So that anything which is there at the manse in the way of food which might spoil over the early part of the winter you should dispose of if you can. We have been hoping to send you a complete list of the things which were shipped. Mr. Howell is supposed to do this from Seattle after the goods are shipped but we discover that he has not done it and he has not returned the lists to us. We are now trying to get those lists so we can forward them to you. It would be helpful for us in the office if we knew actually what arrived in Barrow.

One of the things we are concerned about is the Maytag Washing Machine. This was a gift from a man who is interested in the Maytag Company and we want to write him a letter saying it arrived safely and will be of great use in the future in the manse.

Give us a report on the disposition of the food and any other matters of interest from the people of the village. We are greatly interested in seeing your work go forward and are praying that the Lord will strengthen every one of you to stand up against evil and be true to Christ.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

JEJ:FK
Enc. Ck. #41939-$24.34
" Receipts #F34168-$90.- rent for igloo and manse
#F34420-$19.87 rent for igloo
#F32612-$35.99 Barrow benevolence

JAN 28 1946

Narrative

November I5 - December I4

I945.

First of all I would like to correct an error I made in my report for October and November. The special Thanksgiving offering which should have been mailed and reported at this time was mailed at that time.

We had our Thanksgiving celebration on the 22nd of November according to our plan book for I945 - '46. According to the custom of the past, Service was had in the morning and feast in the afternoon. According to what some people say the feast of last year was lean on meat. This year we had more than enough for everyone and some to spare to outlying camps. The three whales killed this fall helped to supply the feast. During the get together, several people gave testimonies of what the Lord has done for which they were thankful. It was a grand time for everyone and everyone enjoyed the get together. It was like one big family. Christain spirit and brotherhood was the atmosphere of the occasion.

Soon after the Thanksgiving celebration we started to prepare for Christmas celebration. First, we have to make a package for each family in the village and outlying camps from the Mission Boxes sent to this Mission during the summer mail. Although there were not as many boxes sent to this Mission as in the past, we managed to give out packages to all the families. And now we can say that the shelves are or will be cleaned up by the time the celebration is over. It is not too early to start preparing for this occasion from the very first day of December. In truth we can say that this month is an extra busy time for us. We are still popping pop corn and will continue to pop them until every one can have a share. And then do them up in packages along with peanuts and sorry to say no candy, but raisins and little of dried fruit substituded. Also, we have started having our rehearsals after every midweek services and Sunday Evening services.

The problem reported in my previous report in connection with the spell of beer drinking has been overcome for which we are thankful. The present christain status of the church and community is normal and quiet than it has ever been since my taking over in June. Because such is the case now, we need not relax our efforts and vigilance coupled with prayer and deep desire that our people keep to the strait and narrow way. Although the burden of responsibility would weigh us down at times, yet we too can testify as Paul the Apostle, that "though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day" 2Cor.4:I6, and to read on to the rest of the Chapter is refreshing. We rest assured that ours are unlimited resources in the hands of our Eternal Master.

Please be assured that we are extra busy at this time and may slack in our time for correspondence.

The Benevolence offering for the month of December is $49.82, enclosed.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

Roy Ahmaogak

P.S. Benevolence Offering from Wainwright Presbyterian church, Dec. is $20.00 Enclosed.

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THE PRESBYTERIAN MISSION
AT
BARROW, ALASKA.

DEC 10 1945

November 27, 1945.

Rev. J. Earl Jackman, D. D.
Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church
in the U. S. A.
156 Fifth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Jackman :

It's not half an hour yet since I received your wire regarding the new Missionaries, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Lee, for Barrow Church and here goes the answer. Words fail me to express my joy and gladness that at last your search has been rewarded. In the meantime our prayers have been that God would send forth more laborers into His field and now our prayers are tuned to giving of thanks to Him who answers prayer.

I have just been back from a trip to Wainwright two days prior to Thanksgiving Day. I spent a week with the church there and did what I could to help encourage the church work there. I have no discouraging report to make of the church of Wainwright for I found none. The work there has run quite satisfactorily according to the plans and arrangements made before my transfer to Barrow. Each elder and deacon and member in good standing have been cooperative in taking part upholding the church program there. Just prior to my transfer to Barrow I had ordered for the church there, "The Hymnal" for the choir and advised them to use these hmnals for Sunday morning Services and believe me they had learned several new hymns which I had to learn when I got there in order to keep up with the choir. The week went by so fast that I wouldn't of mind spending another week but then I had to get back to my work in Barrow. I made the trip with my dogteam so there was no transportation charges to pay. All the dog feed needed at Wainwright was donated by the people of the church and more than enough was supplied.

The new teacher of the Alaska Native Service for Wainwright, fortunately a christain woman had this to say about the people of Wainwright,"I feel that I am having a little bit of heaven here in Wainwright". She had taught in several other places farther south and she said this of Wainwright in comparison with what she had seen at other places. She goes to church along with the natives and because of her interest in the church the elders thought it a favor to give her a Sunday school class of young ladies who are able to understand English. By the way she is Baptist.

In your wire you requested that I write you the best time for transportation. If I am permitted to choose the time for transportation, the nearest to spring weather is preferable for all concerned. So I'll say the first of March is preferred to January for two reasons. First, the days will be longer, and the second, the weather will be warmer in the daytime.

Although we would like to have the new missionaries come at the earliest possible date, I think it is not wise for us to try to freeze them with the Arctic winter all at once. It will be too much of a sudden contrast in change of the climate for them. And what's more they might not have the adequate clothing to fly in with. Please do your best to get them wise to it that three pair of woolen sox isn't too much to wear anytime inside of deerskin mucklucks or boots, in winter time. Suggest that they get all the information they can from Klerekopers about adequate clothing for their trip North, especially from Fairbanks to Barrow, if they can contact them. I'll do all I can to help and advise about several things after they arrive, if they ask it.
We had a Session Meeting tonight and I broke the news to the elders of our newly found missionaries for Barrow. To be exact I read your wire and they also agree with me that March is preferrable to January for transportation.

The old oil range is still in use in the manse. I am saving the new one untill the new people come to occupy the manse. We have some faulty water lines runing from the tank to the range and into the bath room but we are managing to get by with same until later in the spring. There will have to be some changes made anyway when the new range is being installed.

Have begun to make Christmas packages for the individual families in Barrow from the Mission boxes which came during the summer. This work will take several days and run into weeks of 5 hours each day. So our busiest season of the year is on in preparation for Christmas. Our program for the occasion will have to take shape this week too.

Heard from Mr Hetherington which told me that he called on your office and had quite a long conference with you about the natives and the church here. After having to know him for sometime I thought he was the right man for you to get acquainted with so I gave him your address and advice him to call on you and give you first hand information about what he has found out about the Eskimo and his church or religious life and the problems of today. He seems to be interested in the welfare of the Eskimo and I believe his ideas are based on christain religion.

Well, I think I have written enough in one sitting so will close for this time, with all christain love and respect.

MONTHLY REPORT

For Month Ending Dec 24, 1945

Synod ..... Presbytery Yukon ..... Church Served Barrow

Report of (name) Roy Ahmaogak ..... Address Barrow, Alaska

Present Membership of Church 328, of Sunday School 290, Total Number Families 104

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

SUNDAY MEETINGS	1st Sun. or Week	2nd Sun. or Week	3rd Sun. or Week	4th Sun. or Week	5th Sun. or Week	TOTAL
1. Morning Service Attendance	298	283	283	240		1104
2. Afternoon Service Attendance						
3. Night Service Attendance	323	322	341	309		1295
4. Sunday School Attendance	290	300	296	334		1220
5. Young People's Meeting Attendance	89	100	93	59		341
6. Other Meetings Attendance	92	89	97	89		367
Week-Day Meetings and Other Items and Activities						
7. Prayer-Meeting Attendance	290	259	259	246		1054
8. Attendance—Leadership Training						
9. Attendance—Vacation Bible School						
10. Attendance—S.S. Teachers Week-day Religious Instruction	14	13	15	13		55
11. Attendance—Minister's Preparatory Class						
12. Attendance—Organized Activities—Boys						
13. Attendance—Organized Activities—Girls						
14. Attendance—Org. Activities—Young People						
15. Attendance—Org. Activities—Adults						
16. Attendance—Women's Society						
17. Attendance—Session Other Meetings and Activities	9	8	7			24
18. New Members received by Confession						
19. New Members received by Letter						
20. Amount Paid by Church on Pastor's Salary						
21. Amount Paid by Church on Current Expense						
22. Amount Paid to National Missions						
23. Amount Paid for Other Benevolences						
24. Number of Pastoral Visits	1	2	1	2		6

USE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS AND NARRATIVE
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TO MISSIONARIES

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For Month Ending Jan 14, 1946

Synod ..... Presbytery Yukon Church Served Barrow

Report of (name) Roy Ahmaogan Address Barrow, Alaska

Present Membership of Church 328, of Sunday School 290, Total Number Families 104

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

SUNDAY MEETINGS	1st Sun. or Week	2nd Sun. or Week	3rd Sun. or Week	4th Sun. or Week	5th Sun. or Week	TOTAL
1. Morning Service Attendance	284	282	Cold Epidemic Social gatherings prohibited.	Cold Epidemic still prevailing	175	741
2. Afternoon Service Attendance						
3. Night Service Attendance	289	382			200	871
4. Sunday School Attendance	307	338			200	845
5. Young People's Meeting Attendance	90	107			70	267
6. Other Meetings Attendance	96	78			87	261
Week-Day Meetings and Other Items and Activities						
7. Prayer-Meeting Attendance	228	200	"	"		428
8. ~~Attendance—Leadership Training~~ Christmas Eve Attd.	390					390
9. Attendance—~~Vacation Bible School~~ Christmas Day	394					394
10. Attendance—Week-day Religious Instruction S.S. Teachers	12	14	—	—	8	34
11. Attendance—Minister's Preparatory Class						
12. Attendance—Organized Activities—Boys						
13. Attendance—Organized Activities—Girls						
14. Attendance—Org. Activities—Young People						
15. Attendance—Org. Activities—Adults						
16. Attendance—Women's Society						
17. Attendance—Other Meetings and Activities						
18. New Members received by Confession						
19. New Members received by Letter						
20. Amount Paid by Church on Pastor's Salary						
21. Amount Paid by Church on Current Expense						
22. Amount Paid to National Missions						
23. Amount Paid for Other Benevolences						
24. Number of Pastoral Visits	1	2	2	2	1	8

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Narrative

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Busy month indeed, but tempered and made pleasant with the spirit of Christmas. We hope that by what we have been doing and preparing we have accomplish something so that men may glorify our heavenly Father. May He who has given the world the day of Christmas, shed abroad in the hearts of the peoples that love which prompted Him to send His only begotten Son into the world because He so loved. How thankful the world should be that once again-Peace - has been granted and may "Good will" be spread abroad by the enfluence of those who have found and owned Him who is the author of the tidings of "peace and good will" toward all men.

It seems that our Christmas Pageant and the singing made quite a hit with the whites and of course with the natives too who attended our Christmas program. The church was filled to capacity. But it happened that cold epedemic broke out just about Christmas time and all plans of activities both for church and the village following Christmas had to be dropped by order of the health officers. We could not have any church services and the worst part lasted for two and a half weeks. Sorry to have missed out on a week of prayer but then we could not help it.

We resumed our church activities from January I3th. Several are still sick but the majority are over with it.

We managed to get all the work done for Christmas. The making up of packages to all the families in and around the neighborhood of the village was completed on time. Now is about the only time that is not so taken up with several things needing prompt attention in which we can begin to acknowledge the reciept of all the Mission boxes sent to this Mission. We are so sorry to be so late in acknowledging these gifts. Nevertheless we are thankful for each and everything that has been forwarded to this Mission. We are somewhat sorry for Wainwright though, because not one package came there for Christmas. If it is our fault we beg to be pardoned.

Two offerings were had this month. Special Christmas offering was $64.91. We did not have our special New Year offering but had one the first Sunday service following cold epedemic. We are leaving it to the discretion of the Board of National Missions to use it as they see fit, whether as Benevolence offering or as a New Year special offering. The amount is $25.92.

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Barrow

This month I had a wire from Rev. Armstrong requesting if I could go out to the General Assembly by appointment as commissioner from the Yukon Presbytery, to which I have consented. It will be my first experience to see the Outside world. Will be looking forward to seeing you all whom we have worked with in advancing the kingdom of heaven here on the earth.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Ahmaogak

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December 27, 1945

VIA AIRMAIL

Mr. Roy Ahmaogak
Barrow, Alaska

Dear Roy:

We rejoice in all of the good news that comes to us in your letter of November 27th. We are glad to know that the work at Wainwright is going so well in your absence. Certainly you have laid solid foundations there to have everything go along so well.

We are grateful for your information about clothing and the time for travel to Barrow. Mr. and Mrs. Klerekoper have told us a great deal about the kind of clothing which the new missionaries should wear so we believe they will be pretty well prepared when they come up. They will have to depend upon some help up there in regard to parkas after they arrive. Mr. Klerekoper says there are some in the manse but there will be no provision for their eight year old son.

The Lee's are planning to leave the States at the end of January and go North as fast as transportation can be secured. With the shipping strike in Seattle, we don't know how soon they will arrive but they will wire you from Fairbanks we hope sometime before the middle of February telling you to expect them at Barrow. They are to say farewell to their Church in Horton, Kansas on January 23rd. From there they will go to Seattle by train and then to Seward by boat, and Fairbanks by train. Mr. Champlin has invited them to stay with them until they can get air transportation with Wien north to Barrow. We shall ask them to let you know by wire when they are to arrive.

After the Lee's arrive, I think it would be well for you to spend some time helping them get settled in Barrow. Then as soon as you can make the trip to Wainwright we shall ask you to return to your congregation. We do not know whether it will be possible for you to take your family back with you at the time you go but we shall leave that to your judgement. Whatever necessary expense you have toward moving the family back we shall reimburse you.

We have just received the information about the failure of the proposed tour through the United States by the Barrow families. We regret this exper-

ience which your people have had through some white men who have not been responsible but we feel it will be a good thing in the end. Many of us were very seriously concerned about the moral and spiritual welfare of these families who had come down to the States. While it would have been a good thing for them to have seen a lot of the United States yet I feel for their own welfare it best for them to return home

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How are you getting along with your monthly offerings? You had such a good start on this and we have not heard from it for so long that we are wondering what progress you are making with your people in their contributions toward the mission work of our whole Church and their progress in the support of their own work.

We are concerned about your membership in the Pension Plan. Now that you are on a more adequate salary, we feel you ought to be a member of the Plan. Our Board is willing to pay our 8% of your salary as dues if you are willing to pay the 3%. You can give us authority to deduct your 3% from your annual salary and we will pay it to the Pension Board. Give us a report on this and we will try to arrange it for you.

May the Lord bless you and your people during this Christmas Season!

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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